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## WIP News Service

*"The deaths of homeless men and women makes visible what has been made invisible and abstract: The human cost, in lives and suffering of difference and our indifference." Hundreds die each year, homeless and alone, victims of exposure and neglect. For tens of thousands massive cutbacks in human services have erased the fine line between subsistence and annihilation. Here, then, is the shame of our cities."*

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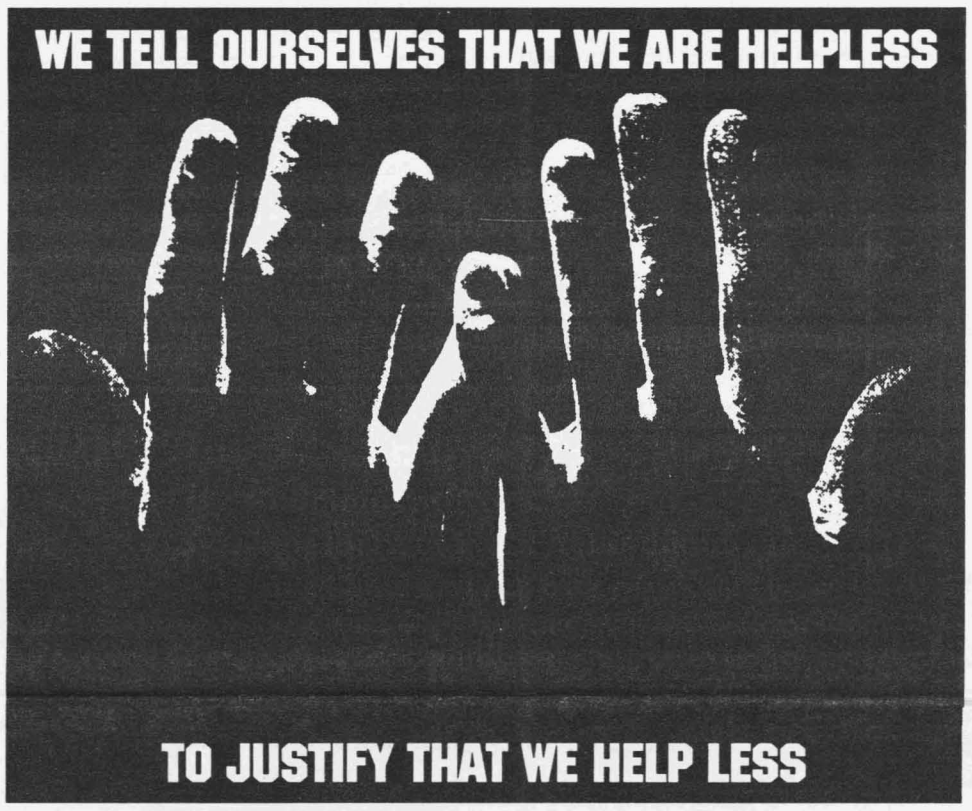
Mitch Snyder

Providing Shelter

# The Mission of Hope




The Mission of Hope Men's Sanctuary was born out of the senseless deaths of three homeless individuals on the freezing cold streets of Olympia in October, November, and December of 1995. One man, Gary Bach, was found dead after being denied shelter at the Salvation Army's Emergency Shelter. The Mission of Hope is currently the sole provider of emergency overnight sanctuary to men who are disabled or handicapped.

In Olympia, if you blow a .08 into a breathalizer, if you don't have an ID, if you are in a wheelchair, if you are epileptic, diabetic and happen to be male, the city's largest facility available to men for emergency shelter will tell you, "We can't serve you."

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The Mission of Hope Church is an all volunteer church whose philosophy is to do the works of mercy while working to change those structures and misplaced values that create or maintain poverty and homelessness.

The Mission of Hope Men's Sanctuary began providing beds to single, homeless men on December 31, 1995. During the first week of operation, 79 bed nights were provided. Into the eighth week of operation, 167 nights were provided to homeless men throughout Thurston County.

The Mission of Hope Church provides a sanctuary resource for homeless men. It is a community of people who choose to live a simple lifestyle while working with others to promote sanctuary and opportunities for homeless men so they may make positive transitions and re-enter the Thurston County community.

The sanctuary is operated by formerly homeless men from the Thurston County area. These peer advocates are role models to the guests and provide 24-hour advocacy and resources seven days a week. The staff, who are also formerly homeless, work six hour sanctuary shifts in addition to day labor jobs. Many are disables, awaiting drug and/or alcohol treatment programs, are enrolled in cooperative community projects, or are awaiting Veteran's assistance information. *H*aving *O*ptions *M*eans *E*quality, *L*earning, *E*mpowerment, *S*elf-Help, and *S*uccess!

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The Mission of Hope Church and Men's Sanctuary works with existing agencies such as the Olympia Police Department, the Department of Social and Health Services, South Sound Advocates, Bread & Roses, the Thurston County Housing Task Force, Veteran's Affairs, Low Income Housing Institute, Bread Basket Ministries, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, New Life Baptist Church, Evergreen Christian Center, St. Vincent De Paul, and dozens of individuals throughout Thurston County.

As a private non-profit 501(C3), tax-exempt corporation, the Mission of Hope and its Men's Sanctuary exist at this time solely from private, church and group donations. They have no other funding resources.

The Mission of Hope
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Pledge a little to help them help men get back on their feet and back into our community with dignity and self-determination. •

# Good Job, Transition Fair!

## Sarah Light

I applaud everyone who pulled together The Transition Fair held here in Olympia March 6th. The Fair provided an opportunity to browse through a variety of agencies that offer services to disabled people, including the Arc, People First, Social Security Administration, South Sound Options Unlimited, Center for Independence, and Intercity Transit. I collected pounds of brochures, had great discussions with agency representatives and other consumers, and came away with new inspiration. Kudos to everyone involved, including those workers who put together a tasty buffet supper for us at the Holiday Inn.

I've been curious about that strange looking gravel surface at the soon to open Heritage Park Downtown. David Hanna, the Planning Services Manager of Oly Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services kindly answered my questions. The pathway is made of crushed limestone which is supposed to break down into a very hard surface that meets ADA requirements. Olympia will have their contractor "greatly compact the rock to a specific level," before the park opens May 10th. This same material was used in a downtown Bellevue Park, and Park Officials confirm that it works. Mr. Hanna offered a tour of the Heritage Park site. I haven't yet had the energy to do so. I encourage anyone interested to call him and ask for one.

I still wonder why they didn't use cement pathways with grass areas in between. Anything to do with deterring skateboarding?

I encourage readers to send in their own disability rights info. The ADA is being threatened. There is a big push to "restructure" Medicaid, and support for serial crip killing (otherwise known as "assisted suicide) is on the rise. *Mouth* magazine writes that Dr. Kevorkian is a serial crip killer. What do you think?

I end with a quote from one of the primary architects of the ADA, Justin Dart, Jr.: "When people talk more about how much you cost than how much you're worth. When people talk more about your right to die than your right to live, you have a problem." •

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# LETTERS

## Seeks Guidelines for People of Mixed Ancestry

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the articles *Declaration of War Against Exploiters of Lakota Spirituality* and *No More Ignoring the Ignorance*. I thought that the articles were both well written and much needed information on the abuse of Native American traditions and spiritual practices. I support the viewpoints taken in these articles, but in *No More Ignoring the Ignorance*, questions started coming to mind that have plagued me for some time. I am of mixed heritage Cherokee and Irish, a Metis and have records to prove my Cherokee blood to be one eighth, although not registered with the Eastern or Western Band of Cherokee. The question that has plagued me for some time now is this, where is there information for the Metis people of this country and what guidelines are there for people of mixed ancestry? The Metis people in Canada are much more recognized as a separate entity.

I have a absolutely no interest nor desire to abuse ANY Native American culture, spiritual practice, sacred tradition, religion, nor to own or endorse *any* spiritual object or art form that would adulterate or bastardize that culture. What I would like, for my children and myself is a clearer understanding of their heritage. My Mother was taken from her home to a boarding school in Oklahoma in the early Thirties, along with her blind sister, they spent six years in those schools. Much of their Cherokee culture was lost to them during that time or repressed. I feel that I am not alone in this situation. My mother died at the age of Fifty, but to her children she had talked freely about her upbringing, sometimes with great sadness and bitterness. Where does that leave me? Where does that leave my children? As their genes pale, do I cease to include that part of their ancestry? The Cherokee are a matriarchal society and so being from my Mother, I choose *not* to forget her nor her pain that she suffered and I do not want my children to forget her either.

P.S. I think that the book, *Fantasies of the Master Race, Literature, Cinema and the Colonization of the American Indians* by Ward Churchill and edited by Annette Jaimes should be required reading in all schools and colleges.

Sincerely, Cherie Roberts

## Joyous Reunion

The airport was alive with anticipation and TV cameras as the plane from New York pulled into the terminal bringing its precious cargo. Sadic and Drena Zbanic greeted their daughter Renata safely from the war of Sarajevo and met their two-and-a-half year-old grandson for the first time; a joyous reunion as they melted into tears and hugs in each others' arms.

Through the efforts of the Sarajevo Project and your support and good energies, Renata and Haris are here to begin their new life in Clearwater.

The Sarajevo Project continues to help those in Bosnia rebuild their lives. Linda Beekman has returned this month carrying supplies and monetary donations to the music school, to the refugee camps and to the dental and paraplegic clinics.

Thank you all for helping Renata and Haris and those still in Sarjevo. Your gifts connect us with those there on a personal level. Through your efforts we create a small place for peace to grow in the world.

*The Sarajevo Project, A project of the Tampa Bay Peace Education Program and the St. Petersburg Religious Society of Friends 130 19th Avenue Southeast St. Petersburg, FL 33705-2810 Tel/Fax (813) 531-3401*

**Sadic, Renata, Linda, and Haris**

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## WIP Schedule

WIP article submission deadline is:

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## PFLAG's Project Open Mind Comes to Seattle

The Seattle TV viewing area has been selected for the second tier of cities to launch PFLAG's "Project Open Mind" campaign. Last October the program was begun in Atlanta, Houston and Tulsa. In May, Chicago and Phoenix are expected to join Seattle in the program launch.

The goal is nothing short of changing the way "Middle America" understands and accepts hay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. Fundraising will begin immediately. A minimum of $100,000, and up to $200,000, will be needed to make sure every resident of Western Washington sees the TV ads, reads the news, hears a speaker and talks about the issues.

The ads are designed to attract public attention and to show how vicious words have tragic consequences, creating a climate in which violence often occurs.

Through a program of local outreach, PFLAG members will receive training, seek speaking opportunities, and contact most community organizations, including the media, governmental, private and social groups. They will also encourage potential new family members to come out and support their loved ones.

## Olympia Bike Library

**Brenda Belski**

Get Ready to Ride! That's what the banner says in the Olympia Bike Library's window display at the South Puget Environmental Clearinghouse (SPEECH) on 218 West Fourth. The recently installed display features a signature pink community bicycle, and its happy rider, on the move. Four-gallon saddle bag buckets, filled with groceries, illustrate one of the many uses for this practical and durable pannier. Mike Cobb of Cobbworks, a local cyclist and innovative craftsman, designed the carrying devices from recycled food buckets donated by local restaurants. The Library hopes to grace all of the forty bicycles being released in late Spring with these unique panniers.

The month of March was a busy one as the Bike Library's Outreach Committee hit the street to show off a model community bicycle. A store to store approach to familiarize local business owners and patrons was part of the OBL's outreach strategy. Outreach guru Allison Ciancibelli said, "We want to hear what people have to say about the program. We want to answer any questions they might have." The OBL will also be offering advertising space on the bicycles/racks/panniers in exchange for financial support. This informs riders which businesses in the community have contributed to make the Bike Library program possible.

Feedback is vital to the evolution of Olympia' Bike Library and on Wednesday, the evening of March 6, SPEECH hosted a public forum to encourage such input. Everyone was invited to attend. Attendance was good and after a half hour presentation by the OBL, the floor was opened for discussion. Topics included maximizing bicycle safety, cultivating relationships with downtown businesses, and involving youth in the monitoring of the community bicycles. The forum proved to be an excellent way t get people talking about their concerns and questions.

SPEECH and the Olympia Bike Library encourage continued dialogue about Olympia's community bicycles. Please call 352-7168 with questions, comments, or support. For more information about the OBL, you can also visit: http://members.aol.com/OlyBikeLib/welcome.htm, or email OlyBikeLib@aol.com.

*Brenda Belski is a key organizer and volunteer with the Olympia Bike Library.*

## What is Socialism?

Socialism is the collective ownership by all the people of the factories, mills, mines, railroads, land, and all other instruments of production. Socialism means production to satisfy human needs, not, as under capitalism, for sale and profit. Socialism means direct control and management of the industries and social services by the workers through a democratic government based on their nationwide economic organization.

Under socialism, all authority will originate from the workers, integrally united in Socialist Industrial Unions. In each workplace, the rank and file will elect whatever committees or representatives are needed to facilitate production. Within each shop or office division of a plant, the rank and file will participate directly in formulating and implementing all plans necessary for efficient operations.

Besides electing all necessary shop officers, the workers will also elect representatives to a local and national council of their industry or service - and to a central congress representing all the industries and services. This all-industry congress will plan and coordinate production in all areas of the economy. All persons elected to any post in the socialist government, from the lowest to the highest level, will be directly accountable to the rank and file. They will be subject to removal at any time that a majority of those who elected them decide it is necessary.

Such a system would make possible the fullest democracy and freedom. It would be a society based on the most primary freedom: economic freedom.

For individuals, socialism means an end to economic insecurity and exploitation. It means workers cease to be commodities bought and sold on the labor market and forced to work as appendages to tools owned by someone else. It means a chance to develop all individual capacities and potentials within a free community of free individuals.

Socialism does **not** mean government or state ownership. It does not mean a state bureaucracy as in the former Soviet Union or China, with the working class oppressed by a new bureaucratic class. It does not mean a closed, party-run system without democratic rights. It does not mean "nationalization" or "labor-management boards", or state capitalism of any kind. It means a **complete** end to all capitalist social relations.

To win the struggle for socialist freedom requires enormous efforts of organizational and educational work. It requires building a political party of socialism to contest the power of the capitalist class on the political field and to educate the majority of workers about the need for socialism. It requires building Socialist Industrial Union organizations to unite all workers in a classconscious force and to prepare them to take, hold, and operate the tools of production.

You are needed in the ranks of Socialists fighting for a better world. Find out more about the program and work of the Socialist Labor Party and join us to help make the promise of socialism a reality.

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**After your inspection of records, you may identify those records you desire and, if copying does not disrupt agency operations, copies promptly can be made for you. The agency may enact reasonable rules to protect records from damage or disorganization and to prevent disruption of agency operations during inspection or copying.**

**Each state or local agency is required to establish an index as an aid to locating public records. The index is to be published and made available to those who request it.**

**Agencies are required to respond promptly to your request. Within five business days after receiving a request, the agency must either:**

**1. provide the record(s);**

**2. acknowledge your request and give you a reasonable estimate of how long it will take to respond;**

**3. deny the request in writing, with reasons for the denial (this could also include a denial of part of your request and a granting of the remainder). The agency must tell you the specific exemption or other law it relies upon for its denial.**

**If a request is not clear, the agency may ask you for further clarification.**

**If an agency denies your request, it must conduct an internal review of its denial within two business days after denial. At that time, the agency's denial is considered final. In the event of denial, your options are described elsewhere in the pamphlet.**

**The agency may notify persons to whom the record pertains that release of the record has been requested.**

**The agency, or a person to whom the record applies, may ask a superior court to prevent an inspection of the record. However, before preventing inspection, the court must find the examination would not be in the public interest and would damage a person or a vital governmental operation.**

**There is no fee for inspecting public records, but the agency may charge a fee for the actual costs of copying the records. It may cost more to have copies "certified."**

*Along the Color Line*

# Fighting for a Living Wage

## Dr. Manning Marable

In the summer of 1969, my first real job was working in a large warehouse, unloading box cars and cleaning toilets. I earned the minimum wage, which at that time wa $1.60 an hour. In today's wages, that was equal to $6.45. By working all summer, I earned enough to cover most of my first year's college tuition.

Today, millions of Americans work over forty hours each week, and never take home enough money to feed and clothe their families. Minimum wage workers currently make $4.25 an hour, or approximately $170 for a forty hour week. Almost 60% of these workers are women. Nearly two-thirds are adults who are trying to support their families.

In a recent column, Bob Herbert of the *New York Times* observed that it has been "nearly seven years since the minimum wage was increased." A year ago, President Clinton proposed a modest 90 cent an hour increase in the minimum wage, which was rejected by the Republican-controlled Congress. If this modest wage increase had been granted, Herbert noted, "the $525 in additional wages could have provided food for three months, or ten months worth of electric bills, or new clothing for several children."

Conservatives argue that increasing the minimum wage will discourage businesses from hiring workers with limited educational backgrounds and skills. But Department of Labor Secretary Robert Reich cites a series of studies that prove that increasing the minimum wage does not have that effect. More to the point, Reich states: "It is fundamentally immoral to expect people to work full-time for $8,600 a year."

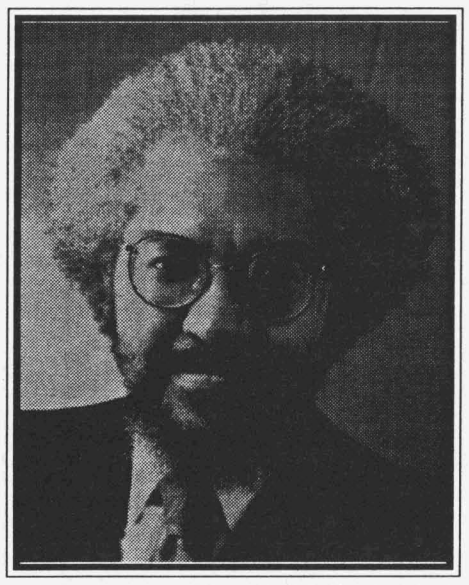
One national organization that is leading the fight for decent wages is ACORN — the Association of Community Organizations for Reforms Now. Last year, ACORN mobilized the Chicago Jobs and Living Wage Campaign, a coalition of over 40 community groups, labor unions and religious leaders. The Campaign has called for a city ordinance requiring businesses that receive subsidies or hold city contracts to pay their workers at least $7.60 an hour. The majority of Chicago's City Council now supports the living wage ordinance, but it is opposed by Mayor Richard Daley.

In Missouri, ACORN is currently organizing support for a statewide initiative to raise the minimum wage to $6.25 in 1997. A petition drive has begun to get the initiative on the November 1996 ballot in the state. In St. Louis, ACORN started a petition campaign that would require all companies from the city to employ local residents through community-based hiring halls and all subsidy recipients and city contractors to pay employees fair wages. And in Houston, ACORN and SEIU Local 100 have obtained twelve thousand signatures to place an initiative to increase the minimum wage for the city on the ballot.

***Today, millions of Americans work over forty hours each week, and never take home enough money to feed and clothe their families.***

However, the effort to achieve decent wages for working people will not be won without a struggle. In St. Paul, Minnesota, last year, a local initiative that would have required any company that received over twenty-five thousand dollars in public subsidies to pay their employees at least $7.21 an hour was defeated. Activists from ACORN, the New Party, religious and labor groups were viciously attacked by politicians and the press. A sophisticated campaign was orchestrated by one of St. Paul's largest public relations firms to mobilize opposition. Advocates for a living wage were smeared as "Stalinesque" and "job killers." Despite this setback, the fight for decent wages in St. Paul still continues.

ACORN has initiated other protest actions on the principle that everyone has a human right to a job and/or an adequate income. In 1994, ACORN launched a national campaign against the accounting corporation, Price Waterhouse. Because the firm has federal housing contracts of nearly $9 million, it is required by law to make efforts to hire low income residents. When Price Waterhouse made no effort to comply with the law, ACORN eventually forced Price Waterhouse to initiate a "First Source" hiring program committing the company to employ low-income community residents. ACORN's successes prove that grassroots mobilization among low and moderate income people, building from the bottom up, can achieve real victories.



Labor unions and civil rights organizations must lead a national campaign for a significant hike in the minimum wage, as well as for full employment legislation. We cannot wait for Congress or Clinton to "do the right thing." Only through public protests and mobilization can we win a living wage for all.

*Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University, New York City. "Along the Color Line" appears in over 275 newspapers and is featured by 80 radio stations across the US and internationally.* •

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# Making Sense of History
# The Black Panther Party

**Patty Imani**

Bobby Seale and Eldridge Cleaver, two movers in a people's long history for social justice, spoke on February 29th at north Seattle's Shoreline Community College. Bobby Seale and the late Huey P. Newton were the original organizers of the 1960's revolutionary Black Panther Party. Eldridge Cleaver came on as the Panther's Minister of Information.

Unless you've actively researched the history, or were an active player in that history, you may not know that the bulk of our society has several misperceptions of what the Black Panther Party was about. If you think the party was black separatist, you are mistaken. The Black Panther Party focused their work and created their ten-point platform to address the needs concerning injustice imposed on the Black Community - the Black Panther Party was not a black separatist organization. In fact Bobby Seale despised black separatist and cultural nationalist organizations and refused coalitions with them.

The Party was formed in direct response to the murder of Malcolm X and it sought to extend the Movement and actively resist the violent modern day oppression experienced by African Americans by a racist society and it's police. The Party's purpose was many fold: to resist oppression through the organizing and political education of the people, which included the implementation of the right to self defense, while building community based programs for right livelihood. Seems like a good recipe for liberation, and familiar too — we're really doing the same thing today, using the same strategies employed by the Black Panther Party.

Huey P. Newton was the mind behind the Black Panther Party, he was the one with the political and legal savvy that gave integrity to this Movement. Bobby Seale, had the political consciousness, and the will of a community organizer that got the Party out of the armchair and into the streets. Seale's uniqueness came in implementing community based programs that addressed real needs of the people. What was unique about the Party was they addressed many aspects of liberation, and they did so in a way that people in their community knew it wasn't all talk. Seale coordinated many community based programs that included the Breakfast for School Children program, Senior Citizen Free Busing, Cooperative Housing, and the People's Free Food Program. As they actively resisted the divisive will of capitalism, they insisted on a praxis of liberation that went beyond rhetoric on many fronts and for many peoples.

Written by Newton, with help from Seale, the Black Panther Party's 10 Point Platform was as follows:

> "Power to determine our own destiny in our own black communities, we wanted full employment, decent housing, education that told the truth of our history, an end to exploitation by white capitalists in our community, exemption from military service (that point later changed to demand of preventative health care), an end to police brutality and murder of black people, freedom for those imprisoned, trial by peers or people from their black communities, and the ability for all black colonial subjects to determine their own destiny."

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As Seale explains:

> "The idea was to write those first ten points and later write ten more collaborative points, ten points of what we want, ten points of what we believe. We were going to do real grass roots community organizing. We organized on campus, and it (was) time to really go to the community. We didn't want to go down there with some long dissertative bullshit, we've seen it before, we (wanted) to go straight to them with the straight point."

Seale stated that the abuse and murder the Black Community experienced then by police was much worse than today. Newton, was inspired by the example of an L.A. organization who patrolled police following the Watts riots. "They had been patrolling police, but they had no guns; they had law books, tape recorders, arm bands, and the police finally beat them up, took their law books, beat their heads, and locked them up." Newton, after doing much legal research, added the carrying of guns for self defense to the strategy.

> "This is the kind of process by which we came up with the idea of (carrying) guns. It was all a legal point. We decided we were going to go out there and patrol these police as a way to capture the imagination of the people, if we could just capture their imagination then maybe we could get them into political education sessions. My dream was to organize this black political community unity in the black community, starting right there in Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley, what have you. Huey trained everybody, (starting with 11 Party members) how to take an arrest, we did research and research on California Supreme Court ruling."

The first patrol of the Black Panther Party took place in their own community in northern Oakland California. They pulled up to a scene where a cop had a man up against a car. They walked up to this scene, at night, carrying tape recorders, guns, political education, and knowledge of their rights and the law. When the people saw this sight they began to disperse. Newton spoke up saying, "No, it's not necessary for you to leave, everybody here, you're a citizen here, everyone has a right to observe these police here. We're a new organization, we're the Black Panther Party, please stay here."

Seale explains that when the cop challenged their right to observe his conduct, Huey easily cited off the legalese that secured their rights to observe the scene. When the cop challenged the Panther's right to carry guns, Huey met his challenge by jacking the chamber of his gun. Other Party members followed. The cop stopped, walked back to his car, and drove off.

Seale describes this scene, by the end there were

> "fifty to sixty people (from the community gathered) here, and little kids running around saying "they're running the police away! The people were jubilant, and I'm saying 'Brothers and Sisters, there's a new organization, Brother Huey P. Newton here is the Minister of Defense, I'm the Chairman of this new organization, the Black Panther Party. We're here to organize political community unity in the black community'. We passed out the 10 point platform, (and announced the) political education sessions ...That's how the Black Panther Party got started.
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> "By 1969 J Edgar Hoover declared he would be rid of the minister of the Black Panther Party. 28 of my Brothers and Sisters dead, 14 policemen dead. Huey went to jail October 1967. We organized all across this country 45 chapters and branches, full time members, programs that upset the power structure.
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> "We actually put community control of police — elected commissions, complete with community police review board concept design — *we put that shit on* the goddamned ballot in Berkeley California in 1969. I was in jail by the time it got there.
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> "The ballot or the bullet; Malcolm X actually preferred the ballot. Our argument was this, we were going to exercise our constitutional democratic civil human rights to organize our people whether the racist pig power structure liked it or not. That is the reason they jumped on us.
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> "Our position was this, if you're gonna take away the constitutional rights and say we can't exercise them then we're going to raise guerilla warfare against the racist power structure, we're

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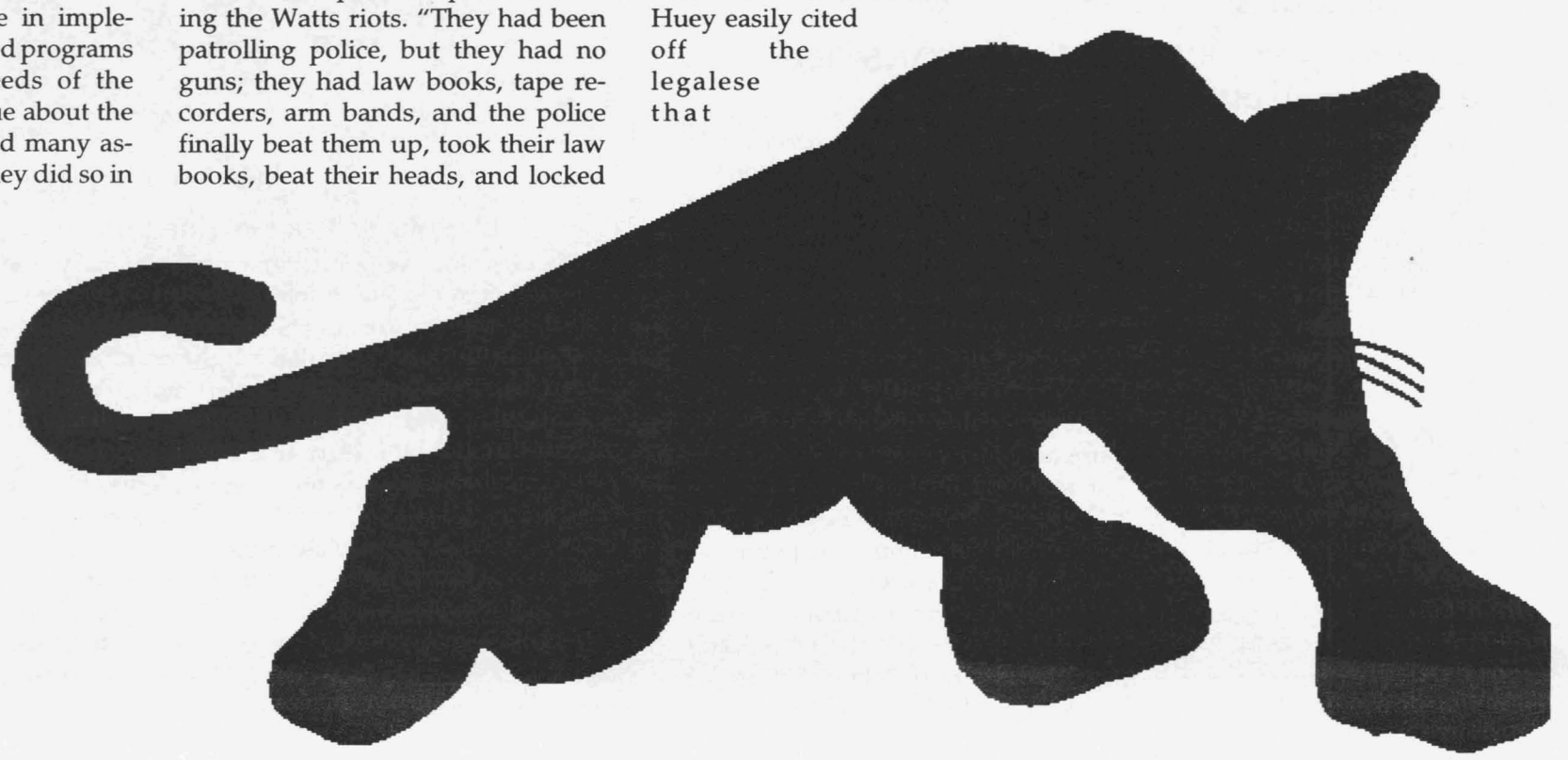
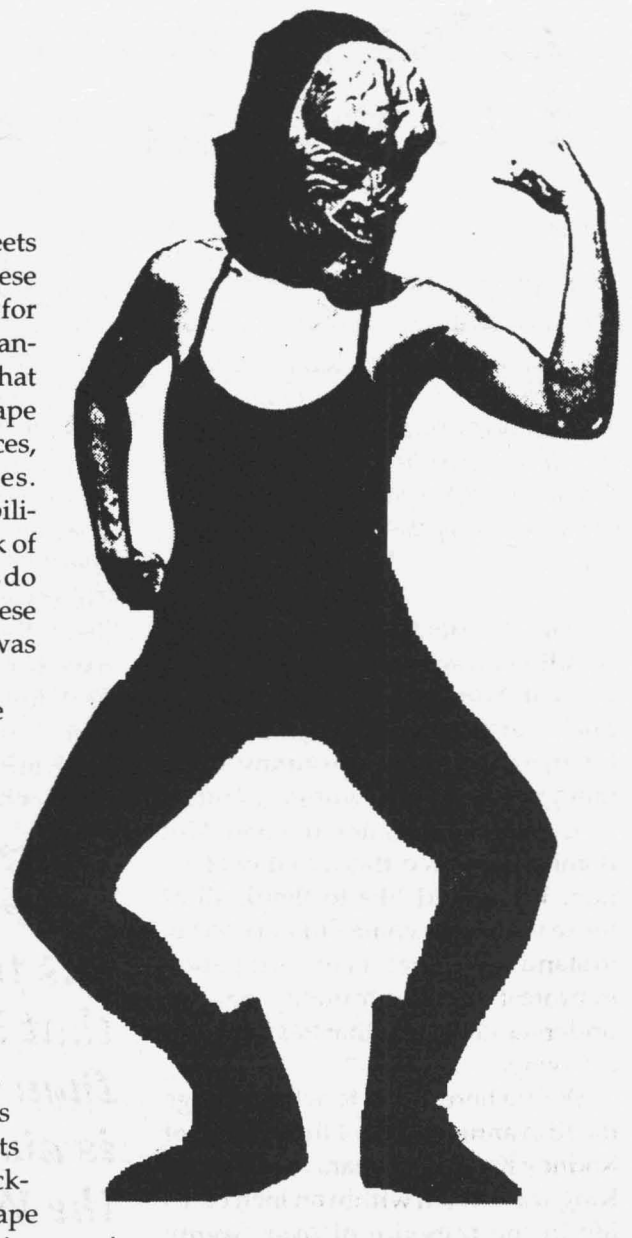


# Mobilizing Our Neighbors and Sisters to Eradicate Rape



**Beth Roop**

You might call this a Public Service Announcement. We, the women of MONSTER (Mobilizing Our Neighbors and Sisters to Eradicate Rape), will call it what it is: free information. Information, as amazing and vile as it is, that enables us to make educated decisions about social change. Sparks that can ultimately ignite revolution.

Recently a sister was raped. RAPED like many other women, violated and humiliated like hundreds of thousands of women are every year. Like many women she turned to "Johnny Law" for help, support and justice. What she found was ignorance, sexism, and a law enforcement system that protects men and victimizes women over and over again.

One of the first questions the police officer asked this women was "What were you wearing?" and "What were you doing on Aurora Avenue?" Although some my find this line of questioning customary, it is infuriating that misogyny is continually perpetuated within this institution and it is outrageous that the Seattle Police Department think attire and location have *anything* to do with rape. Rape is about power and control, about keeping women in fear, and about hate and ignorance.

Upon learning of this incident, the women of MONSTER decided to do a little research of our own; so we called up the Seattle Police Department and asked them a few questions about procedure. Initially we learned that there is not really any standard procedure, questions of interest surrounding "facts", but no standard questionnaire. However, we were lucky enough to get a little insight from one of SPD's finest. This officer, who recently left the sexual assault division, told us that in his experience 99% of women abducted at gunpoint just changed their minds, that date rapes are often just women trying to get attention, that one-third of prostitutes raped, *just didn't get paid*, and, that when a prostitute is raped the crime is directed to the Vice Department, not the Sexual Assault Department.

***We must question why our legal system and society chooses to put the victims behavior under scrutiny and not the rapists.***

Angry yet? You should be! Unfortunately, the Seattle Police Department feels that women in the sex industry are little but part-time slaves, and that rape is considered a job hazard instead of a crime: that women who have been raped by their date, partner or friend just need the name of a local therapist in order to deal with their "attention" issue, and that women abducted at gunpoint, whether by a stranger or lover, just don't know how to assert themselves. As for MONSTER, we are sickened, outraged and disgusted at such cemented sexist attitudes within institutions.

We are mobilizing our neighbors, sisters, lovers, and friends to eradicate rape and the rape culture that is our society. As a community, as individuals we have the power to make social change through education, action, and good old fashioned anger. Keep your eyes open and your ears close to the ground, because MONSTER is keeping watch, taking names, and preparing for battle.

## About MONSTER

- Every 15 seconds a woman is physically assaulted in her own home
- 1 in 3 women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime
- 60-80% of rape victims know their offender and 90% of rapes are not reported

These statistics may sound overwhelming to most people, but they are reality for women in this country today. Rape is warfare against women. Day after day, our neighborhoods, streets, and even our won homes become war zones where we may be attacked. We try to overcome the fears we've been raised our whole lives with by carrying mace, taking self defense classes, walking assertively and by avoiding dark streets and strange men. While these precautions are necessary for most of us to preserve our sanity, they do not guarantee that we will not be raped. Rape happens to women of all races, sizes, classes, and ages. Women living with disabilities run an even higher risk of being sexually assaulted as do homeless women. It is for these reasons that MONSTER was created.

MONSTER is a diverse collective of women fighting to stop rape. We believe that rape is used as a tool to silence and to isolate us, and to restrict our personal and political freedom. In order for women to enjoy the right to lives free from violence, we must attack the misogynist ideologies our society promotes. This means boycotting products that use sexism to sell, attacking the media for selling rape as entertainment, supporting survivors of rape and assault, and confronting sexism on an institutional and individual level. We work to educate the public about the realities of rape and shatter the myths that harm survivors when they choose to speak out.

We must question why our legal system and society chooses to put the victims behavior under scrutiny and not the rapists. The responsibility must be placed upon the rapist and not the victim. By questioning the woman's behavior, we are blaming the victim. We're saying that she could have prevented the rape had she behaved differently or that she provoked the rape by her overt sexual behavior. Why are we not asking the question why didn't HE stop when she said no. Why did he rape? The responsibility for the act is the rapist's — not the victims. In no other crime is the victim considered responsible for the attack. When a person is mugged we don't ask why they carried such a large purse or wallet, or why they were walking at night.

There is still far too much ignorance surrounding rape. This keeps survivors silent because they have internalized these voices and feel the attack was somehow their fault. It is never someone's fault if they are raped. Rape is an act of violence and power, it is not about sex.

Rape must be taken seriously as a violence crime that affects every woman's life, and the lives of those around us. It's time to break the silence and stand up to fight against an oppressive system that has turned a deaf ear to women for far too long.

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## MONSTER want you to know:

**1. No one deserves to be raped.**
**2. You always retain your right to say "NO" at anytime during a sexual encounter.**
**3. "NO" means NO, and so does the absence of "YES".**

## A Call to Action

### Date Rape has become Love American Style

- **80% of women rape survivors were raped by someone they knew**
- **90% of men rape survivors were raped by someone they knew**

**This epidemic continues because of the erroneous assumption of, "sexual entitlement" (which is): the asinine idea that there are certain things that women or men do that mean that they have given up their rights to say "NO" to sex.**

**Examples of behaviors that to some assholes imply Sexual Entitlement: Spending money on someone, being in someone's home, having had a prior sexual relationship, being married, being intoxicated/incapacitated, wearing sexy clothing, etc.**

**Rape is a community problem; women, men, girls, and boys are raped. Ignoring it will not make it go away, therefore challenge the sexual entitlement beliefs of those around you by saying "NO" loudly and clearly.**

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# CopWatch Talk on the Fifth Anniversary of the Beating of Rodney King

## Pat Tassoni

*The following is a speech given on the fifth anniversary of the beating of Rodney King Rally which was held March 3, 1996 in Sylvester Park in downtown Olympia. Similar events happened around the country in protest of the epidemic police violence.*

This is a bold thing we're doing, standing up against injustice is a daring feat. People and activist are routinely harassed and even imprisoned for their activities. The funny thing though is we are well within our rights to do so. The National Food Not Bombs suggested this as a day of action. We would like to thank all of those who have come out here today to stand with others across the nation in protest of police brutality, and we understand the fear that has kept others away.

We are here today to acknowledge the fifth anniversary of the beating of Rodney King. Five years ago Rodney King was beaten within an inch of his life in the presence of over twenty officers. His crime was speeding. But we know that his real crime was that he is black. Because the event was video-taped, middle-class white America got a wake-up call. The officials want us to believe their explanations that it was only an exception to an otherwise fine institution. But most of us, if not all, know better than that. What happened to Rodney King happens everyday. In 1989, the Olympia police beat to death Danny Spencer because he had outstanding traffic violations. It was ruled justifiable homicide and at least one of the officers is still employed by Olympia and continues to work the street. If there was no video of the King beating, it wouldn't have even reached a court. We know the police attack, provoke, and harass youth, queers, people of color, poor and homeless folks on a regular basis all across the nation.

A year after, when the officers were acquitted of beating Rodney King, Los Angeles and other cities erupted in violence. Martin Luther King said in 1967 about a similar situation: "Everyone is worrying about the long hot summer with its threat of riots. We had a long cold winter when little was done about the conditions that create riots." America has ignored those conditions and we continue to ignore them. Nevermind that people of color have been complaining about police brutality and government injustice since ameriKKKA has existed; nevermind that the prison population has tripled in the last fifteen years and that blacks are incarcerated at higher rates than whites; nevermind that the crime rate is about the same as always but thanks to the War on Drugs most inmates are drug offenders; nevermind that two-thirds of prisoners are uneducated and unskilled, and that over one-half were unemployed at the time of their arrest; nevermind the conditions and the roots of crime.

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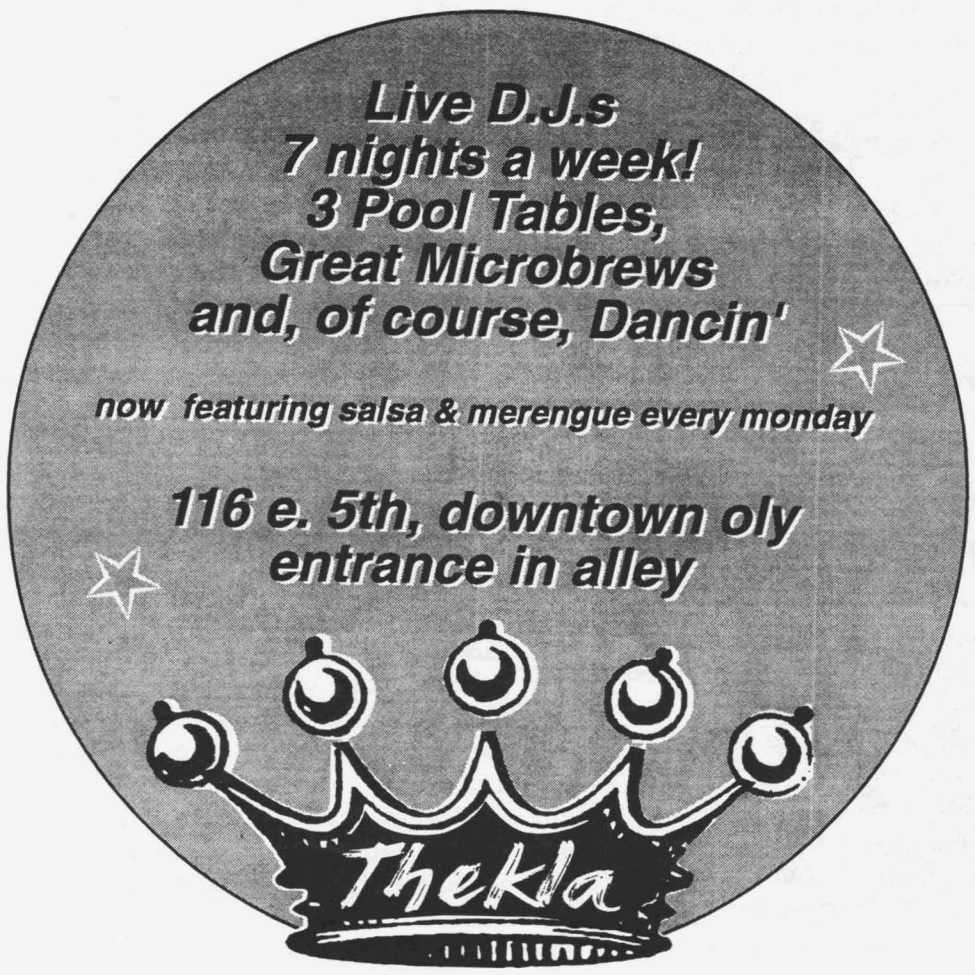
We are here today to add some balance to the daily inundation of the image that the police are good, that they are effective, and that they are necessary. This image is constantly portrayed on television and in the media. There are hours everyday of shows like COPS which glamorizes them without examining the context. In reality, the police spend most of their time answering emergency calls, some are important but some aren't. Only two percent of calls require follow-up and one-half of those are solved. The police aren't crime solvers or crime preventers. In order to prevent crime, the roots of crime must be addressed. Roots like poverty, homelessness, racism, sexism, homophobia, oppression and injustice need to be dealt with. Crime is the symptom of a diseased society.

Another myth that they project to us is that being a cop is dangerous work. Nurse's Aids is the most dangerous job in the state, second nationally. If you compare the numbers of deaths of miners, loggers, industry workers and agricultural workers to those of the police, the police have it easy. But we don't see TV shows about that — about real life. Twice as many cops commit suicide as are killed in the line of duty. That says more about the people they hire and their management style than it does about their job. But the War on Drugs makes it seem that every youth is a gang member and every gang member is armed and of course every gang member is shooting at cops. Not true. Gangs fight each other. If cops and this country cared about youth, we would take the millions of dollars we spend on the War on Drugs and put it into youth centers, housing, and educational options.

The police's role in maintaining the status quo is in its past. The modern police force was formed out of bounty hunters who were given the task of bringing back runaway slaves, dead or alive. They were trained in military fashion in the conquer and kill manner. their big job at their beginning was to protect big business from their workforce. They were the line between hunger and food, between the cold and housing.

The police first and foremost preserve the social order whether that be slavery, imperialism, or homelessness. During social upheaval the police force gets expanded. In the Industrial Revolution and the Great Depression, great increases in law enforcement happened. What does that mean when we know that the number of police has doubled in the past fifteen years and that Clinton is promising 100,000 more cops? What does that mean when we know homelessness is rising, the prison industry is the fastest growing in the country, that the largest gap that has ever existed between the rich and the poor is now? What is being predicted by these actions? The War on the Poor is going to intensify. Poor people and people of color are going to be (and already are being) attacked.

Our rights are being attacked. •




"I belong to a class which has been robbed, exploited, and plundered down through many long centuries. And because I belong to that class, I have an impulse to go and help break the chains."

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Cut the Crap **Debunking Conservative Mythology**

# Q: IS GOVERNMENT TOO BIG? A: IT IS DEVO!

## Greg Hohnholt

Didja happen to catch the St. Patty's day *Olympian* editorial? No names were named, but evidently a few of our state legislature were hitting the bottle on the last day of law-making, one rep even brown-bagging it right on the House floor. Bipartisan gridlock was the alleged culprit, but whatever the reason, I think we should be sympathetic. After all, this will probably be our civic leaders' last opportunity to get ripped while on duty—the government cable channel will be gearing up soon, ending their privacy, at least in theory, with the exception of those hardcore political junkies who actually reported this story.

Despite my sympathy, this laff riot makes me wonder why the Republican nominee for president, Bob Dull, is so intent on sending power back to the states. Clearly, our legislators can't handle the comparatively meagre responsibilities they already have. Maybe the liquor lobby is funding this move, in hopes of making a killing. I know Lamar(!) kept spieling about how he sent Jack Daniels overseas; maybe he's helping the Tennessee economy by giving Washington state a bulk discount.

Evidently, Newt is hot on "devolution" idea, too. In Al Franken's #1 best seller, *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot*, the author relates an anecdote wherein he argues with The Speaker that such a plan would likely result in states competing to cut welfare benefits to discourage the jobless migrating to higher benefit states, thus setting off a preemptive "race to the bottom" (in the state of Washington's case, however, that's more likely a race to the bottom of the bottle.) The Newtster, uncharacteristically laconic, replied "What's wrong with that?" Indeed. Less policy-making headaches for him, more time for hobnobbing with former GOPAC contributors and writing sci-fi porn novels.

***The bottom line is that the Federal government does a lot of good for regular hard working people. The Republicans, conversely, think that we'd be a lot better off if corporations and lobbyists took over public policy.***

But seriously, folks, let's cut the crap. The Republican spin on this issue is laughingly over simplified. Painting "big government" as the villain is patently absurd, especially when you consider that Social Security, the interstate highway system, Head Start, the Clean Water Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Medicare, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (how much longer do you want me to go on?) are all popular programs that generally helped the commonweal and put our much-vaunted "family values" into actual practice. Hell, our own city council, just to cite a local example, is praying that "big government" will pay for 80% of the 4th Ave. bridge reconstruction; do you think the reps from Spokane or Seattle are going to care about footing the bill for a bridge in this burg? (Well, maybe if we got 'em drunk first....)

But what the hey; in the interest of fairness, let's take a closer look at one example where devolution is supposed to have worked and see if this idea is worth pursuing. I'm game if you are.

### Welfare reform

Conservatives are fond of pointing to the welfare policies of Michigan's governor John Engler as a prime example of how much more efficiently state governments can manage local issues. Oddly enough, however, Engler's plan is not much different from President Clinton's, in that both use reciprocal responsibility as a prerequisite for benefits to be received. The recipient promises to attend 20 hours of job training a week in exchange for day care and living expenses, and if the contract is broken, benefits go down accordingly. Single folks, however, are given the address of the nearest homeless shelter.

This double standard seems somewhat ironic to me, given the propensity of Republicans to blame welfare mothers for the downfall of Western civilization. It appears that they're getting rewarded in this instance, while the single people get the shaft. Maybe this is what Newt really means by his oft-quoted desire to "replace the welfare state with an opportunity state," it creates an opportunity for single men to become daddies to get off the street. (Stilted logic? Sure it is, but if Newt and Co. actually believe that welfare promotes illegitimate births, why can't I apply this logic to one of their pet policies?)

Putting this trivial objection aside, however, even more ironic is the fact that since the G.O.P. wants to get rid of HUD as well, you can kiss Section 8 housing good-bye. This means that the Section 8 folks on Engler's program (or, in Olympia's case, most of the folks that will be residing at the Fleetwood building) will eventually, in all likelihood, have to receive a state housing subsidy on top of the job training and child care.

Conclusion? States will be expected to provide more and more social services and infrastructure spending with less federal block grant money than they're getting now, which, ineluctably, must lead to higher state taxes (or cutting services). Good thing you're getting that tax break from the Republicans!

### We need "fair government"

I'm not going to argue that our Federal government is a model of efficiency; our public schools need to be radically reinvented, Medicare and Social Security *are* going to go broke as is, and some programs can be cut or dispensed with (like providing low grazing fees on Federal lands for ranchers, or the War on Drugs, for example). But cut the Food and Drug Administration, or the Environmental Protection Agency? I don't think our state legislators have been the only lawmakers who have been drinking.

The bottom line is that the Federal government does a lot of good for regular hard working people. The Re-

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# Johnson Endorses the Grand Old Party?

## Jerome Johnson

Dear Colette,

I'm going to write about the election this month, because a reader asked me to. That's interesting, 'cause I got my primary mail-in ballot the other day. Before they sent it, they sent me a form asking me if I wanted a Democrat, Republican or Unaffiliated ballot. I asked for an unaffiliated ballot, although I was tempted to ask for a Republican ballot. Imagine the headlines: Thurston County Rainbow Coalition Coordinator Endorses GOP!

Of the ten candidates on my ballot, only six remain in the race. Seven, counting a very possible write-in.

I admit that for a while I was very scared. Buchanan's early victories weren't surprising, but Dole's lackluster performance was — I was expecting better of the GOP machine. Although Dole has enough delegates to win the nomination at the moment, it's a long summer 'till convention time (in San Diego, no less). Buchanan's challenge is strong because he has character and his hardcore stance on issues appeals to angry white folks and ignorant, bigoted people.

I asked Sundown why Buchanan lost in Florida, and he grinned. "Immigration, man. In California, Arizona, Nw Mexico, Texass, he can holler all they want 'cause they hate Mexicans. But in Florida the more Cubanos the better, legal or not. Long as they vote Republican it's all good, and Dole's democracy and the American Dream. Check it out, bro' — when was the last time La Migra raided Little Havana?"

Eliza said, "I want to know what them white women gon' do. They always up in your face, screamin' feminism and they strong and ain't gon' take it no mo'. Well, seem like they still takin' it evra day and likin' it, 'cause they 55% of the vote and ain't nothin' changed. Seem like they don't walk they talk, they just like to complain. They scream and yell but they go to bed with they men evra night, and ain't nothin' changed."

***I vote to honor those who worked, fought, sweated and bled and died so that I could vote, and because once in a while, a little vote can make a big difference.***

One thing's for sure — this is gonna be a hot one. Anything is possible. What if:

- Either Clinton or Dole dies naturally or is assassinated?
- Whitewater sinks the Clintons on live TV, summer '96?
- War resumes in Bosnia?
- The Middle East gets worse, fast?
- Perot runs a real campaign?
- Dole-Buchanan '96?

I dunno.

One thing's for sure, though — I'm going to vote, and make my vote count. I'm not happy with my choices, but I'm deeply grateful for the privilege and opportunity to vote. I vote to honor those who worked, fought, sweated and bled and died so that I could vote, and because once in a while, a little vote can make a big difference.

In Washington D.C., Bob dole considers his unstable resurgence. In Spokane, Pat Buchanan continues his rampage. In Olympia, most folks agree with Sundown. He said, "Well, anything can happen now."

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publicans, conversely, think that we'd be a lot better off if corporations and lobbyists took over public policy. That's bullshit, pure and simple. Would we have needed a Clean Water Act if businesses had acted in the public interest instead of worrying about their next quarterly report to the stockholders? Would we need the Department of Agriculture to inspect meats if the beef barons gave a damn about your kid dying from eating an *E. coli* burger?

And if you think Democrats are the villains who exploded government, consider this parting shot: Clinton and Gore have cut the federal workforce by more than 200,000 jobs—we're now enjoying the smallest federal workforce since President Kennedy. The big increases have all been in state government; from 1970 to 1992, they've ballooned *sixty-five percent*.

Listen, folks, "bigness" is not the issue. Social justice is. If you work for "fair government" rather than smaller government (and that means cutting corporate welfare first and foremost), I guarantee that you'll kill two birds with one stone. It's a One-Step program even the most hardened of politico-holics can live by. Let's cut the crap and get on with it.

*"Cut the Crap" will be coming to TCTV public access in video form sometime in the fall. Watch for it!*

# Should Progressives Support "Spoilers"

**Dave Jette**

At its January 1996 meeting, the Steering Committee of the National Committee for Independent Political Action (NCIPA) took up the question of whether to recommend to the Interim Continuations Committee of the National Independent Politics Summit that Ralph Nader be invited to speak at the meeting in Atlanta in April. There were concerns expressed about how progressive Nader's politics are on certain questions, and we agreed to address these concerns directly to him. However, there was also definite hesitation to have Ralph Nader speak at the Atlanta Summit, out of fear that the Summit might then endorse his independent candidacy for U.S. President. It was pointed out that (at least some of) our base in the community was concerned that Clinton might be defeated by the Republican candidate, and in the end we took no position on suggesting that Nader be invited to Atlanta.

The question of supporting "spoilers" who draw away votes from the Lesser of the Evils is hardly new for progressives (or for anyone else, for that matter). In November 1994 I received a letter from a friend in New Mexico remarking, unhappily, that the Greens' progressive candidate (Roberto Mandragon) for governor had taken away precisely the votes which could have elected the Democratic candidate over the reactionary Republican who did win. This friend is a long-time progressive activist, and she is quite well aware that the Democratic Party is not the answer to our problems. In fact, the 11% of the vote garnered by Mondragon broke the 5% barrier for the Greens' becoming a Major Party under New Mexico election law, and his campaign provided name-recognition for bolstering Green Party candidacies throughout the state, as reported in the Winter 1995 issue of the Independent Political Action Bulletin of NCIPA. The position which I wish to argue in this article is that, in contradiction to the considered views of many intelligent, well-meaning progressives and socialists, it is absolutely necessary for us to support the campaigns of such "spoilers" as Ralph Nader and Roberto Mondragon, as the only possible way to build an independent progressive electoral movement. In looking at this question, let us go back to the 1992 President election, as a test of the Lesser of the Evils position. In particular, we look at the position of the leadership of the Committees of Correspondence, concerning the need to defeat George Bush. In doing so I am not trying to single out a particular organization or persons for ridicule, for these comrades are devoted socialists with whom I happen to disagree on this question, and in fact I remain a member of CoC.

In the June 1992 issue of the CoC's discussion bulletin Dialogue & Initiative, Charlene Mitchell wrote in an article entitled "The Future of the Left":

It is not likely that the Democratic Party would nominate a candidate of the left, but it is possible that it will nominate a candidate who can be influenced by the people's movement. Exercising this influence will not necessarily depend on who the candidate is, but must be based on the strength, depth and development of the people's movement.

Realistically, the left and the people's movement are not in a position this year to nominate a candidate of our choosing. Consequently, the only realistic alternative will be the candidate named by the Democratic Party.

To fulfill its role, the left must use all its organizational abilities and resources to guarantee the defeat of Bush in November. While realizing that the defeat of Bush will not, in and of itself, move the political scene to the left, it will go a long way towards pulling the country away from the right.

And again, in an article entitled "Worse Is Not Better" in the July 1992 issue of Dialogue & Initiative, Mitchell continued:

At times a particular struggle is waged to win a position. For the 1992 election, the central question for the working class and nationally and racially oppressed is: Whose victory in November will leave us in a better position to carry out all other struggles? This is the only way to view the election from a class-partisan viewpoint. Clinton is not our candidate, but he is the candidate who offers the realistic possibility to reverse the continuing slide toward the right in our country. ... Although Clinton is not our preferred weapon, he is all that is at hand to defeat Bush and Perot. Manning Marable, another national leader of CoC, explicitly supported the "lesser of two evils argument" in his article "Criticize Clinton - But Defeat Bush" in the September/October 1992 issue of the CoC news bulletin, the Corresponder:

But perhaps the persuasive reason for considering voting for Clinton is found by contemplating the electoral alternative - the reelection of Bush-Quayle. Since 1981, national politics have been dominated by "Reaganism" - an eclectic reactionary united front of a number of tendencies: the most rightwing elements of corporate capital, social and religious conservatives like Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, entreprenurial capitalists, hardline anti-Communists on foreign policy, and pragmatic traditional Republicans like Robert Dole. ...

We need to halt Reaganism in its reactionary tracks and push the boundaries of politics back to the center, in order to build a viable left. In short, we must criticize Clinton, but defeat Bush in November, 1992.

Finally, the CoC National Coordinating Committee issued an election statement (*Corresponder, Special Bulletin*, October 1992) which included:

Despite our strong criticisms of all three major presidential candidates, we must reckon with the fact that a month from now either George Bush or Bill Clinton will be elected, and that the outcome will have a major impact on both domestic and international developments for years to come. We are convinced that progressives must soberly weigh the consequences of the election of either George Bush or Bill Clinton. We must have a sense of responsibility for the future of the country in influencing the outcome of the elections.

After outlining some particularly objectionable aspects of Clinton's politics, the section appraising his candidacy in this CoC electoral statement concludes:

Nevertheless, there are clear and important policy differences between Bush and Clinton, including in the areas of social programs and economic priorities, civil rights, democratic liberties and women's reproductive rights.

Above all, a defeat for Bush would facilitate dislodging the ultra-right from the dominant position it has held for 12 years in national politics. It could create greater space for liberal and progressive voices and at the same time create a tremendous responsibility for left and progressive forces to build a movement capable of influencing national policy.

I have tried to present the argument in favor of a Lesser of the Evils strategy - and although it is (always) presented as being simply a tactic, it is indeed a strategy when it necessarily must be repeated every time! - as made in a rational, coherent way in

***More fundamentally, however, we have got to realize - and to argue within our base in the community - that the only way to build an effective progressive electoral movement is by standing behind our principles and supporting only those who promote these principles.***

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## (Spoilers, continued)

the context of making a vital decision about our electoral work. But as seen in this important instance, this strategy has nothing to do with reality. In spite of the Republicans' defeat in the 1992 Presidental election, in 1994 they came back with a vengeance, making the Reagan years look mild in comparison. It was not the case, as predicted in the above quotations, that Bush's defeat would "go a long way towards pulling the country away from the right". Clinton did not "offer the realistic possibility to reverse the continuing slide toward the right". Bush's defeat by Clinton did not "halt Reaganism in its reactionary tracks and push the boundaries of politics back to the center". And a defeat for Bush did not "facilitate dislodging the ultra-right from the dominant position it has held for 12 years in national politics". Quite the opposite has happened.

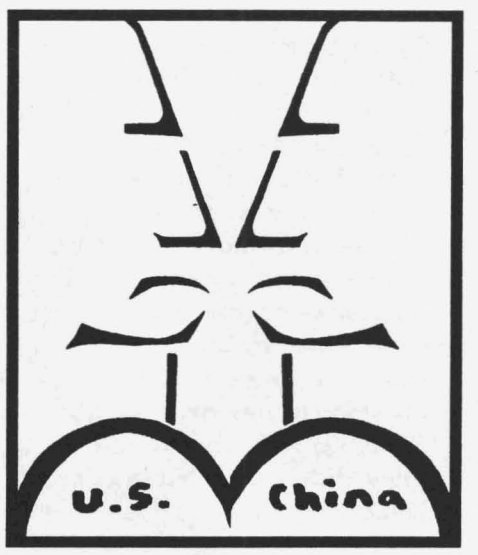
And why has this calamity occurred? It was not that Slick Willy betrayed us, for in fact he followed a quite predictable, moderate course during his first two years of office. The fundamental problem is that for decades a great many progressives and socialists have been following this untenable Lesser of the Evils strategy, occasionally giving lip service to the need to organize electorally outside of the two-party system (as the CoC also did in its above-quoted election statement) but always, when push came to shove, coming down on the side of supporting the Disgusting Democrat against the Reactionary Republican. In contrast, the Right has been quite serious about organizing to take political power: for the past two decades they've been doing this systematically from the ground up, strengthening their forces on the basis of clearly articulated principles, rather than continually abandoning principles in a (usually unsuccessful) quest for short-term political gains. Unfortunately, reality has proven them only too right, in their strategy for building political power in this country. (A penetrating analysis of the Right's successful electoral strategy has recently been provided by Jean Hardisty in a lengthy article, "The Resurgent Right: Why Now?", published in the Fall/Winter 1995 issue of The Public Eye, a publication of Political Research Associates, 120 Beacon St., Suite 300, Somerville, MA 02143-4303.)

Finally, it seems, progressives and socialists are getting their act together with electoral work, with various organizing initiatives at the local, state, and national level. The Greens have been putting forward for the U.S. Presidency a progressive populist with national name recognition: Ralph Nader. The National Independent Politics Summit in Atlanta will be adopting a clear statement of progressive principles upon which to base future electoral work. We must understand, as the Right already has grasped and implemented, that it is only on the basis of a coherent, principled alternative to the present two-party system that we are going to build a political movement with any significant influence on a national scale. Most people in our country are already disenchanted with the Democrats/Republicans, and would welcome a viable third party. They are not going to follow us in tailing after the Democrats.

And what about our supporting "spoilers" who help the Reactionary Republican beat the Disgusting Democrat? This is actually a strange way to pose the question, for it can just as well be argued that it is Disgusting Democrats, from Slick Willy on down, who spoil the chances for decent progressives to take office. (This is certainly what happened in New Mexico, where the Democratic candidate for governor spoiled the chances of Roberto Mondragon.) More fundamentally, however, we have got to realize - and to argue within our base in the community - that the only way to build an effective progressive electoral movement is by standing behind our principles and supporting only those who promote these principles. If we are able to mount a Presidential campaign this year which helps to build the progressive electoral movement (as a long-term project, of course!), then we should definitely do so, regardless of whether it helps Dole defeat Clinton. And if we do not take every opportunity to build a progressive alternative to the two-party system, what is going to happen four years from now, when the Right is finally able to run its own candidates at every level regardless of the extent to which they have taken over the Republican Party? Let's get serious! •

# China Competes for Heavyweight Title

**Ron Jacobs**




The recent military exercises by China near Taiwan, and the US response, remind me of a weigh-in ceremony before a big money boxing match. You know, both fighters stand around flexing their muscles and talking trash while their respective entourages back them up with menacing gestures. Meanwhile, everyone's thoughts are on the million of dollars at stake.

The difference in the South China Sea, though, is that there's more than money at stake there. Much more. In fact, the very existence of the planet would be involved in any military matchup between these two heavyweights. At this writing, any military showdown between these contenders for the Asian continent is unlikely, but from here it looks like US hegemony in the eastern hemisphere is not something it can take for granted. That so-called "unipolar moment" appears to be over for the United States, at least as far as China is concerned. It's actions in the Formosa Straits imply it is ready to step into the shoes formerly worn by the old Soviet Union as the world's other superpower.

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US officials are pulling out some timeworn arguments — claiming China's acts create instability in the region and that it is risking the loss of US cooperation. Of course, what those officials don't acknowledge is that what they mean by "stability" is US dominance. Also unsaid is something neither power is likely to admit: in a world where armed might makes the rules, there is no such thing as stability. Instead, we live in a world where arms proliferate and people suffer from war and poverty as their governments forsake their welfare for weaponry.

The US accuses China of "irresponsible" arms sales (as if there were such a thing as responsible arms sales) to Iran, North Korea, and other governments on the current American list of bad guys. Yet the US continues selling weapons to a nuclear-ready Pakistan, the repressive regime in Indonesia, and gives the Bosnian government a starting sum of $100 million to upgrade its army — a questionable move, to say the least, in a region where war seems to be as close as the town down the road. As if that weren't enough, recent news releases announce that Washington, "confident that peace has taken root in most of South America," is planning to reopen sales of advanced lethal weapons to the region's militaries, especially Chile. (Reuters, March 11, 1996). This is a country whose military engineered (with generous US assistance) one of the bloodiest coups in recent South American history in 1973. That coup, which overthrew the popularly elected government of Salvador Allende, was followed by more that a dozen years of brutal military rule whose terror reached all the way to the capital city of the US when Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffit were assassinated by a car bomb set by the Chilean secret police. Many of those police are in the employ of the current government.

So, as one can clearly see, responsibility is not a big criterion for anybody in the arms sales business. Furthermore, the US handwringing over China's actions in this realm are merely a cover for their real concern — a Chinese challenge to something Washington and its corporate buddies were beginning to enjoy quite a bit — unchallenged hegemony. •

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## (Panthers, continued)

going to unify the people, all power to all The People is what it was all about.

"They jumped on us and wiped us out because we began to have working coalitions with the Peace and Freedom Party, with SDS, with the anti-war movement, the Young Lords, the Brown Berets, the American Indian Movement, the young patriots, young white youth, poor whites who said 'we going to collate with the Panthers because we just as poor and we getting fucked over by that same avaricious corporate monopoly capitalistic framework'. COALITIONS is what they didn't like! They didn't like that and they had to stop (us).

"When we picked those guns up, we picked them up to defend ourselves, we didn't have a camcorder (to defend ourselves), like (in the case of ) Rodney King. Today I say, right now with this low tide, leave the guns alone, network 1000 camcorders in your communities. That network becomes a political protest unit that can evolve and begin to deal with what kind of legislation (and) policy that exists."

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The lives of Cleaver and Seale, both before and after the FBI assisted demise of the Party are very different — they represent different aspects of where human attempts towards revolution can lead to. Seale says he has never left the principles of the Party. Cleaver on the other hand, after returning from exile to the United States where he was still wanted by the FBI, was strongly rumored to be a supporter of the Republican Party, aligned himself with right-wing christians, and essentially denounced the principles of the Black Panther Party. Seale refused to speak to him for over 20 years. However, in December of 1992, with some urging, Seale agreed to meet and talk with Cleaver. The word Seale got was Cleaver had thought it over, and decided he would once again stand on the principles of the Black Panther Party. Indeed, during his recent speech at Shoreline, Cleaver praised the party, the integrity of Huey and Bobby, and said he was glad for his involvement with the Party. In his speech, Eldridge Cleaver stated that the Party "was not interested in creating confusion and killing, we were interested in freedom, we were interested in justice".

Cleaver took a hard line against the recent Contract on America. From his speech:

"We got people talking about a backlash. We got Newt Gingrich's at bay running around saying we're going to roll things backwards. Well, I'm here to tell everybody, ain't nobody going to roll this stuff backwards, because we are going to fulfill the american dream and we're going to complete the american revolution. And were going to be successful about it because we have another generation ready now to do this job".

Inspiring? Well, yes, but read American Dream as "if only we all had a piece of the capitalist pie", and you wonder who's dream he's speaking of. Perhaps no longer a supporter of the Republican Party, Cleaver appears to be liberal at best, a strong supporter of Black Capitalism, deeply influenced by christian and patriotic idealism. Not very radical, but a man you'd probably enjoy a dinner conversation with, on the town (New York City), and he pays of course.

Cleaver's use of christian and patriotic images, which he wove elegantly and powerfully in his speech (together with cries for justice) was - unsettling. His words stormed through the auditorium in strong rhythmic oratorical fashion. What was frightening, rather than unsettling, was the way the audience moved into a frenzy in response to these words, christian-patriotic imagery spurring them into action. The audience was possessed with excitement, responding unconsciously to the same demagogic structures that have oppressed so many for so long. (Perhaps I'm being too harsh, like I say, if he pays, I'll order lobster, and I'll use a napkin.) Cleaver was a powerful speaker. If he ran for President, I do believe he'd win, and perhaps he'd succeed with his proposal to send all criminals to a prison built on the moon. (Yes, Cleaver did ask for that, right after he reminded the police and security guards lining the back wall of the auditorium that they worked for us, the people. The crowd loved him.)

I want to focus on Bobby Seale. This is the man who's been carrying the word. The bulk of Seale's speech was spent recounting the events of the a radical 1960's movement and correcting popular perceptions of that history.

Seale was one of the Chicago 8. Only after Bobby was gagged and shackled in the courtroom, after being so bold as to insist on his constitutional rights, and only after the "masta" Judge saw that this brutal silencing of Bobby Seale - rather that blinding the jury, who opened their eyes to a violent truth of injustice - did Judge Hoffman dismiss the case against Bobby Seale, the Chicago 8 became the Chicago 7. The gagging, depicted the very conditions of abuse that gave rise to the Black Panther Party.

Seale is angry about the recent film *Panther*, calling it "absurd, ninety percent of everything portrayed on the screen in the film *Panther*, never happened, never occurred at all." He also discredits several authors who he says have presented gross misperceptions and inaccuracies of the history of the Black Panther Party. He calls Hugh Pearson an "Afro-racist Eurocentric writer". He says that "Elaine Brown's book totally distorts what our history is about." and claims that what motivated her to write this "fiction", was a $450,000 check she was promised for writing dirt on the Party's history. For those who want an accurate accounting, and have not yet read Seale's own depiction of the party's history, I encourage them to pick up a copy of *Seize the Time*. The book has just been re-released.

Recent depictions of the Party's history has angered Seale to the point that he is in the process of "organizing over 100 former members of the Black Panther Party...to put together a high drama film on the big screen" that depicts what Bobby, who will be executive producer of the film, and other Party members saw as the true history of the Black Panther Party. He's already lined up Marlon Brando to play the part of J Edgar Hoover. This, an apparent attempt at popular mass political education in a "culturally appropriate" context, i.e., the kids like drama, not documentaries.

***Where we recognize the importance for popular political education and organizing, there is an ingredient to successful revolutionary struggle we have yet to fully integrate, an active and growing understanding of our interdependence.***

As opposed to Cleaver's leaning towards Black Capitalism, Seale is a supporter of socialist-influenced community economics, on a world scale. He stated,

"Some people talk about an American Dream, I talk about a future world beyond the borders of America of Cooperational Humanism. How do we evolve a future world of decent human relationships with (democratic control of) political, economic, and social frameworks?"

He adds

"I (have always) rejected *state controlled* command economy socialism. We need to go to the synthesis which is the people...To do that we begin to negate the avaricious corporate monopoly capitalism...rather than just sitting up here going through every goddamned footnote of Marxist, Leninist (theory)...I'm not going through that shit no more. What it's time to do is get down to the nitty gritty, and that's where I was coming from in the 1960's. I'm not about state controlled socialism, I like democratic socialism and cooperative controlled concepts, democratic control of capital".

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The history of the Black Panther Party continues to inspire revolutionary activists. In most respects the Olympia Cop Watch Program is modeled after the history of the Party. When an individual stands against a cop and says, "you can't do that, I know my rights", those very words are inspired by a model of resistance the Black Panther Party took hold of. The Party's example of coalition building is recognized as a necessity in social justice organizing today.

The history of the Black Panther Party has not come without criticism. Besides the pacifist position on the Party's practice of self defense, the Party has received some criticism for misogynist behavior. To the degree this is true, I'm sure depends on the behavior of individual Members and Chapters of the Party.. Yet, are we surprised? Find me an organization or man who's behavior doesn't reflect, or take advantage of, inequality in gender power structures - now or then. I'm not dismissing it, but rather than critiquing this reality as though we are not participant to it, I do believe we should be moving on in relation to what we've learned from the history of the Black Panther Party.

I feel, at a certain point, there's something very destructive to the Movement in how leftists get a lot of sick competitive enjoyment out of critiquing the integrity of other past or present leftists. Taken to an extreme, this competitiveness can destroy the basis that builds a Movement. I see that some of our competitive ego-based behavior is related to perceptions of self influenced by power structures that encourage perceptions of power and identity in very individual terms. As individuals there is little power. I don't see true power a commodity, still many of us treat it as though it is and, in fear, end up rejecting relationships outside of those power structures. Where we recognize the importance for popular political education and organizing, there is an ingredient to successful revolutionary struggle we have yet to fully integrate, an active and growing understanding of our interdependence. Developing relationships with others outside of these power structures (and I am referring to interpersonal relationships as well as economic) I see as necessary for any form of liberation. I lose faith in the Movement, every time I, or others, refuse what I see as a living art of introspection that enables us to build relationships with others we share common ground with. There is a revolution to get on with, and this is an essential part of it. Seale spoke of this. He said, "I believe in a future world of cooperational humanism. We need to make sure our ideas, our beliefs, our notions correspond to reality. We need to begin to see the interconnected relationship of our existence."

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There are questions that have yet to be asked of Bobby Seale and of ourselves in relation to this revolutionary 'history'. We'll have a chance to do just that. **I'll be interviewing Bobby Seale, live via telephone, on Monday, April 8th, from 11 - noon, on KAOS, during Dances in the Revolution.** So, tune in, and by the way if anyone knows of a job... •

## From the mountains of the Mexican Southeast

# Fourth Declaration of the Lacandon Jungle

**Subcomandante Insurgente Marcos Indigenous Clandestine Revolutionary Committee - General Command of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation Mexico, January of 1996**

Brothers and Sisters:

On January 1 of 1995, after breaking the military blockade with which the bad government pretended to submerge us in surrender and isolation, we called upon the different citizen forces to construct a broad opposition front which would unite those democratic voices which exist against the State-Party System: the National Liberation Movement. Although the beginning of this effort at unity encountered many problems, it lives still in the thoughts of those men and women who reject conformity when they see their Homeland under the rule of the Powerful and foreign monies. This broad opposition front, after following a route filled with difficulty, regressions and misunderstandings, is about to concretize its first Aproposals and agreements for coordinated action. The long process of maturity of this organizing effort will bear fruit this new year. We Zapatistas, salute the birth of this Movement for National Liberation and we hope that, among those who form it there will always be a zeal for unity and respect for differences.

Once the dialogue with the supreme government began, the commitment of the EZLN to its search for a political solution to the war begun in 1994 was betrayed. Pretending to want to dialogue, the bad government opted for a cowardly military solution, and with stupid and clumsy arguments, unleashed a great military and police persecution which had as its supreme objective the assassination of the leadership of the EZLN. The armed rebel forces of the EZLN met this attack with serene resistance tolerating the blows of thousands of soldiers assisted by the sophisticated death machinery and technical assistance of foreigners who wanted to end the cry for dignity which came out of the mountains of the Mexican Southeast. An order to retreat allowed the Zapatista forces to conserve their military power, their moral authority, and their political force and historic reason which is the principal weapon against crime made government. The great mobilizations of national and international civil society stopped the treacherous offensive and forced the government to insist upon the path of dialogue and negotiation. Thousands of innocent civilians were taken prisoners by the bad govemment and still remain in jail utilized as hostages of war by the terrorists who govern us. The federal forces had no other military victory other than the destruction of a library, an auditorium for cultural events, a dance floor and the pillage of the few belongings of the indigenous people of the Lacandon jungle. This murderous attempt was covered up by the governmental lie of "recuperating national sovereignty."

*In the world of the powerful there is no space for anyone but themselves and their servants. In the world we want everyone fits.*

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1995 was characterized by the definition of two national projects completely different and contradictory.

On the one hand, the national project of the Powerful, a project which entails the total destruction of the Mexican nation; the negation of its history; the sale of its sovereignty; treachery and crime as supreme values; hypocrisy and deceit as a method of government; destabilization and insecurity as a national program; repression and intolerance as a plan for economic development. This project finds in the PRI its criminal face and in the PAN its pretense of democracy.

On the other hand, the project of a transition to democracy, not a transition within a corrupt system which simulates change in order for everything to remain the same, but the transition to democracy as a reconstruction project for the nation; the defense of national sovereignty; justice and hope as aspirations; truth and government through obedience as a guide for leadership; the stability and security given by democracy and liberty; dialogue, tolerance and inclusion as a new way of making politics. This project must still be created and it will correspond, not to a homogeneous political force or to the geniality of an individual, but to a broad opposition movement capable of gathering the sentiments of the nation.

We are in the midst of a great war which has shaken Mexico at the end of the 20th century. The war between those who intend to perpetuate a social, cultural and political regime which is the equivalent to the crime of treachery to the nation; and those who struggle for a democratic, just, and free change. The Zapatista war is only a part of that great war which is the struggle between a history which aspires for a future and an amnesia which has foreign vocation.

A plural, tolerant, inclusive, democratic, just, free and new society is only possible today, in a new nation. The Powerful will not be the ones to construct it. The Powerful are only

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# Highlighting Connections Between the Zapatista Movement in Chiapas and Political and Economic Fugitives in U.S.

**Elissa Rashkin**

The second Northwest Aguascalientes forum took place Saturday, March 9th, hosted by MEChA on the Corvallis campus of Oregon State University. Meeting for the second time to discuss experiences, problems and strategies of cultural resistance, members of OSU MEChA, the Centro de la Raza (Seattle), Camino and the Cooperativo de Reforestación, (Salem), Coalición en Solidaridad con el Pueblo de México (Olympia), Chiapas Urgent Call (Portland), and others took up where they had left off a month previous in Wilsonville, partaking spiritedly of what participant Rigoberto Hernádez called "a banquet of ideas."

As Amy Baker reported in the *Alliance* [reprinted in the March WIP], motivation for the Aguascalientes gatherings comes from the EZLN rebels in Chiapas, Mexico, who have built centers of cultural resistance in indigenous zones threatened by the Mexican military as a way of creating community under siege. Yet while the spirit of the Zapatista Aguascalientes pervaded the Corvallis gathering — the conference room was draped with banners and other memorabilia celebrating the Mexican struggle — the concerns expressed by participants were quite close to home: problems with existing health care services, discrimination against Latino youth, the failure of the educational system to empower students and meet their needs, and the general sense of isolation and powerlessness experienced by individuals across all sectors of society.

Perhaps foremost on everybody's minds was the current wave of anti-immigrant hysteria, which has manifested itself not only in legislation such as California's Proposition 187 and similar initiatives currently being proposed throughout the country, but in subtler restrictions on social services and other crucial areas, such as support for political refugees. Given the recent escalation of political repression in Mexico, there is a direct connection between the Zapatista movement in Chiapas and the situation of Mexicans and other immigrants, whether political or economic fugitives, here in the U.S. One participant, Dagoberto Morales, brought up an urgent situation involving a health clinic serving the migrant community in Medford, at which several patients have recently died. As investigations into the deaths have led nowhere, Morales requested the group's assistance in finding an impartial mediator; other attenders were able to provide a referral.

Participants readily agreed that the context for discussion and resistance must be a global one, and that the best way to face the threats of the 1990s was to develop a strong foundation of unity and mutual support. More difficult, however, was distilling many different concerns, approaches and needs into a concrete plan of action. To this end, representatives of several groups presented models of organizing that they had found successful, from university campus coalitions to community-building sessions held in people's homes "over *pan dulce* and coffee." The dominant theme was education, in the broadest sense of consciousness raising and empowerment.

Although advancing from the Wilsonville meeting, the proposals that emerged at the end of the day were still, for the most part, tentative. However, such hesitation should not be seen as negative; for unlike more conventional political organizing, the Aguascalientes forum emphasized thoughtful dialogue and consensus over speeches and hurried decision-making. The level of discussion was serious, as befits the gravity of the problems addressed, and no person's point of view was ignored or excluded. While participants recognized that the road ahead will be long and arduous, they left feeling strengthened by the banquet of ideas, at which, as Hernández put it, "What you don't like, you leave to one side — and everyone goes away full."

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*The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 20 in either Salem or Olympia. For information on how to participate, call Hilaria Cruz at (360) 352-6342 Jena Camp or David López of Chiapas Urgent Call at (503) 236-7916.* •

## (Lacandon, continued)

the salesmen of the remains of a destroyed country, one devastated by the true subversives and destabilizers: those who govern.

Those projects which belong to the new opposition lack something which today has become decisive. We are opposed to a national project which implies its destruction, but we lack a proposal for a new Nation, a proposal for reconstruction.

Part, but certainly not all its vanguard, has been and is the EZLN in its effort for a transition to democracy. In spite of the persecution and the threats, beyond the lies and deceits, the EZLN has remained legitimate and accountable and forges ahead in its struggle for democracy, liberty and justice for all Mexicans.

Today, the struggle for democracy, liberty and justice in Mexico is a struggle for national liberation.

Today, with heart of Emiliano Zapata and having heard the voice of all our brothers and sisters, we call upon the people of Mexico to participate in a new stage of the struggle for national liberation and the construction of a new nation, through this....

## FOURTH DECLARATION OF THE LACANDON JUNGLE

in which we call upon all honest men and women to participate in the new national political force which is born today: the

ZAPATISTA FRONT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

a civic and peaceful organization, independent and democratic, Mexican and national, which will struggle for democracy, liberty and justice in Mexico. The Zapatista Front of National Liberation is born today and we invite the participation of the workers of the Republic, the workers in the field and in the city, the indigenous people, the squatters, the teachers and students, Mexican women, the youth in all the nation, honest artists and intellectuals, religious people who are accountable, all those Mexican citizens who do not want Power but democracy, liberty, and justice for ourselves and for our children.

We invite national civic society, those without a party, the citizen and social movement, all Mexicans to construct this new political force.

A new political force which will be national. A new political force based in the EZLN.

A new political force which forms part of a broad opposition movement, the National Liberation Movement, as a space for citizen political action where there may be a confluence with other political forces of the independent opposition, a space where popular wills may encounter and coordinate united actions with one another.

A political force whose members do not exert nor aspire to hold elective positions or government offices in any of its levels. A political force which does not aspire to take power. A force which is not a political party.

A political force which can organize the demands and proposals of those citizens and is willing to give direction through obedience. A political force which can organize a solution to the collective problems without the intervention of political parties and of the government. We do not need permission in order to be free. The role of the government is the prerogative of society and it is its right to exert that function.

A political force which struggles against the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few and against the centralization of power. A political force whose members do not have any other privilege than the satisfaction of having fulfilled its commitment.

A political force with local, state and regional organization which grows from the base, which is its social force. A political force given birth by the civic committees of dialogue.

A political force which is called a FRONT because it incorporates organizational efforts which are nonpartisan, and has many levels of participation and many forms of struggle.

A political force called ZAPATISTA because it is born with the hope and the indigenous heart which, together with the EZLN, descended again from the Mexican mountains.

A political force with a program of struggle with 13 points. Those contained in the First Declaration of the Lacandon Jungle and added throughout the past two years of insurgency. A political force which struggles against the State-Party System. A political force which struggles for a new constituency and a new constitution. A political force which does not struggle to take political power but for a democracy where those who govern, govern by obeying.

We call upon all those men and women of Mexico, the indigenous and those who are not indigenous, we call upon all the peoples who form this Nation; upon those who agree to struggle for housing, land, work, bread, health, education, information, culture, independence, democracy, justice, liberty and peace; to those who understand that the State-Party System is the main obstacle to a transition to democracy in Mexico; to those who know that democracy does not mean substituting those in absolute power but government of the people, for the people and by the people; for those who agree with the need to create a new Magna Carta which incorporates the principal demands of the Mexican people and the guarantees that Article 39 be complied with through plebiscites and referendums; to those who do not aspire or pretend to exercise public privileges or elected posts; to those who have the heart, the will and the wisdom on the left side of their chest; to those who want to stop being spectators and are willing to go without pay or privilege other than participation in national reconstruction; to those who want to construct something new and good, to become a part of the ZAPATISTA FRONT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION.

Those citizens without a party, those social and political organizations, those civic committees of dialogue, movements and groups, all those who do not aspire to take Power and who subscribe to this FOURTH DECLARATION OF THE LACANDON JUNGLE commit themselves to participate in a dialogue to formulate its organic structure, its plan of action, and its declaration of principles for this ZAPATISTA FRONT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION.

Today, this January 1 of 1996, the Zapatista Army of National Liberation signs this FOURTH DECLARATION OF THE LACANDON JUNGLE. We invite all the people of Mexico to subscribe to it.

### Brothers and Sisters:

Many words walk in the world. Many worlds are made. Many worlds are made for us. There are words and worlds which are lies and injustices. There are words and worlds which are truths and truthful. We make true words. We have been made from true words.

In the world of the powerful there is no space for anyone but themselves and their servants. In the world we want everyone fits.

In the world we want many worlds fit. The Nation which we construct is one where all communities and languages fit, where all steps may walk, where all may have laughter, where all may live the dawn.

We speak of unity even when we are silent. Softly and gently we speak the words which find the unity which will embrace us in history and which will discard the abandonment which confronts and destroys one another.

Our word, our song and our cry, is so that the most dead will no longer die. So that we may live fighting, we may live singing.

Long live the word. Long live Enough is Enough! Long live the night which becomes a soldier in order not to die in oblivion. In order to live the word dies, its seed germinating forever in the womb of the earth. By being born and living we die. We will always live. Only those who give up their history are consigned to oblivion.

We are here. We do not surrender. Zapata is alive, and in spite of everything, the struggle continues. •

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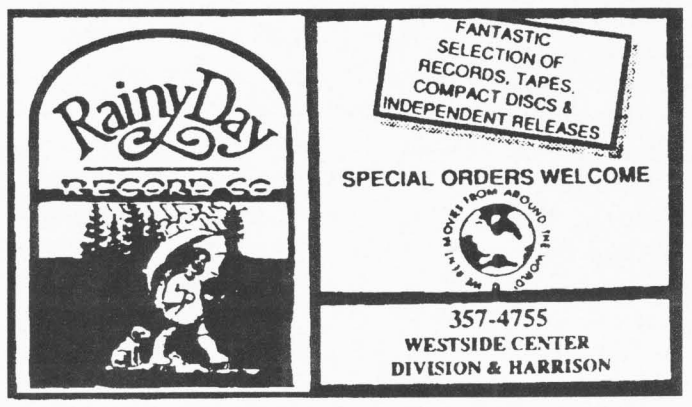

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# Overfeeding the Sacred Cow

## Defense Monitor

Both the Congress and the President are trying to balance the federal budget by cutting hundreds of billions of dollars from programs that directly benefit most American citizens. In contrast, they continue to support military budgets which are nearly as high as the average the Pentagon spent throughout 40 years of the Cold War. Even at a time of budget crisis, the Pentagon is treated as a sacred cow. Indeed, the push is on to further increase military spending.

The vital interests of the United States are not threatened by any enemy, now or in the foreseeable future. Why, then, does the American public allow its representatives to overfeed the sacred military cow?

### The National Security Establishment

It is well recognized that the "military industrial complex" always seeks to expand America's armed forces and its military budget. Less well known is another complex which manufactures no weapons and pulls no triggers. This group joins with the weapons industries and the military in a national security establishment whose objective is to persuade the public and its elected representatives to support excessive military expenditures. They comprise perhaps the nation's most powerful special interest group.

The members of this broad security establishment are quite varied. They can be found among military retirees, corporate executives, foreign service officers and retirees, academics, analysts in think tanks and the CIA, editors, reporters, columnists, commentators, television pundits, publishers, and congressional staffers. Many of these individuals assume the role of advocating, criticizing, or interpreting foreign and military policy.

This establishment is international; it has colleagues in foreign countries, particularly in those which economize on their own defense by relying on the protection of the U.S. armed forces.

These people share and promote a common theme: America must lead the world, particularly where military force is required. The concept of U.S> interests they impose upon the public is largely unrelated to the well-being of most American citizens. It requires predominant military power for the ability to promote American leadership everywhere in the world.

It is not unusual for members of the security establishment to be given policy-influencing jobs in the Defense or State Departments, the National Security Council, the CIA, and advisory committees to these agencies.

Many members of this establishment are sincere. During the 45 years of the Cold War they habitually dealt with the interesting and critical strategic problems involved in raising and employing large military forces. This rewarding habit is hard to break; they genuinely believe in a huge military and are still fascinated with strategies for using it. They see themselves as the managers of the world's affairs through military dominance.

The security establishment resembles other special interest groups in that the members' personal prosperity often depends upon their success in peddling their views. Hence they most skillfully persuade the public and its representatives that America has many "vital" interests beyond its borders, that unpredictable threats lurk everywhere, and that the military budget must therefore be exempt from deficit reduction efforts.

Otherwise, they fear, America would lose its superpower status. They would have less scope for their analyses, conjectures, and media pronouncements. Sincere or not, many members of the security establishment worry that they would soon see their careers vanish it military spending is cut. They would also lose their sense of important purpose and prestige.

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### Xenophobia

For two centuries Americans felt secure, protected by the great oceans. Despite the fact that an ever-growing share of our population was of foreign lineage, hostility and fear of foreigners was not a dominant American emotion.

The Cold War changed all this and Americans developed a low tolerance for anything that seemed to threaten our security.

The security establishment now prompts Americans to nourish fears of foreigners. These fears cause many Americans to support devoting one-sixth of the entire federal budget and over half of all federal employment to the nation's military. (Half of discretionary spending goes for military purposes.)

Oppressed by fears [of the outside world], many Americans appear to agree with their elected representatives that more than a quarter-trillion dollars should be spent each year on national defense. However, recent opinion polls indicate that a substantial majority of Americans oppose increasing military spending and about half are in favor of reductions. These views, unfortunately, are not clearly articulated or communicated to the decision-makers in Washington.

**Let us look at each danger in turn.**

Russia. The best estimate is that Russia is spending the equivalent of about $60 billion annually on its military (less than 25% of U.S. spending_ mostly to keep its personnel inadequately clothed, housed, and fed. A large portion of the Russian navy is rusting away in northern and disputed Black Sea fleet bases. The army is demoralized; its sorry record in Chechnya evidences its inability to harm the U.S. With the Russian economy in chaos, potential imperialists would first need years of economic recovery before they could possibly rebuild their military sufficiently to pose a real danger across the sea.

Nuclear warheads, of which Russia still has over 20,000, could indeed destroy America's cities. But the U.S> Air Force and Navy are prepared to respond to any nuclear move by Russia with equal or greater devastation. Hence, neither side will launch a nuclear attack upon the other. This balance has produced a nuclear stalemate for more than 30 years.

China. The remarkably rapid industrialization of China has permitted an increase in the funding of its military to the current level of about #30 billion (only 12% of the U.S> military spending). But as China's military power increases so does its non-military vulnerability. The gap in armor is food.

China must feed 12 million additional mouths each year. Higher living standards are increasing per capita grain consumption. At the same time grain land is shrinking (taken by industry, housing, roads, and parking lots). Water is becoming increasingly scarce, causing farm productivity to decline.

Food consumption up; production down. The consequence could be famine; 30 million Chinese starved to death in 1960-61 due to the mistakes of the Great Leap Forward. More likely, the solution will be fantastically large imports of grain. America will be a major source of China's food imports. It is extremely unlikely that, regardless of the power of its military, China would bite the hand that feeds it.

The "Rogues." These countries are relatively weak powers. Iran, Libya, and Syria are able to spend on $2 billion each on their military. Iraq spends $3 billion. North Korea spends $5 billion, requiring it to dedicate a quarter of its total annual economic output to its military. These countries might be able to militarily harm their neighbors, although in each case the "rogues" face strong opponents. But not until they acquire long-range missiles and weapons of mass destruction can they threaten the U.S. According to U.S> intelligence estimates, that prospect is a long time in the future. (It should be noted that North Korea has recently been taken off the State Department's list of "rogue" states.)

Enlightened diplomatic and economic initiatives would be much more to our advantage and could go far toward converting some of these regimes to more democratic nations with less hostile attitudes toward the rest of the world.

### Putting the Scared Cow Out to Pasture

It is admittedly hard to counter the power of the special interests and ingrained habits that result in the approval of huge military budgets in the U.S. political process. Continuing high military budgets are extremely rewarding for some Americans in the form of profits for military contractors, campaign contributions to politicians, promotions for service members, defense research grants to universities and laboratories, and a flag-waving political plank for all who run for office as patriots.

Fortunately there is growing public opinion which challenges the wisdom of committing American servicemen and women all around the world, ready to intervene militarily whenever and wherever the Commander-in-Chief orders. Certainly there has been little popular support for the U.S. occupation force in Bosnia, and Congress raised serious questions about America's interests and objectives there. This is based in part on realization that the U.S. cannot afford to act as the world's policeman in an unending series of military adventures. The cost in lives and money must be borne more equitably by the allies we defended for 45 years of the Cold War.

Furthermore the establishment decided to increase military spending in the 1996 budget while cutting deeply into critical national programs such as education, medical care, housing, food stamps, and aid to dependent children. This decision has exposed the direct competition between military and non-military programs for scarce federal dollars.

This competition previously was hidden behind fear-inspired rhetoric during the Cold War while we spent more than $12 trillion on military programs and went $5 trillion into debt. The U.S. credit card is now maxed out, and we must weigh military costs against genuine national needs.

Americans should challenge the traditional rationale of the members of the national security establishment and reject their web of fears, their chauvinism, and their claims that military spending is good for the U.S. economy. In this debate about where our true national interests lie, everyone—the President, the Congress, all American citizens—should heed these wise words from General fo the Armies and the President of the United States, Dwight Eisenhower: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those that hunger and are not fed, from those that are cold and are not clothed."

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# Cine al Frente

## The Third Cinema of Latin America

The festival is meant to be an act of participation with the material and with each other so that we can be "spect-actors" instead of spectators. To facilitate this, films will be introduced by local and guest speakers who will also lead discussion afterwards. For program guide, to volunteer or information call 753-6942.

*Advance full passes are available at Rainy Day Records, at the Capitol Theater or call The Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs: $25 General/$20 Students*

### TESC Campus Series

April 15 ..... Lucia *(Cuba)* LH4, 12-3pm
April 16 ..... Vidas Secas *(Brasil)*
Barren Lives LH1, 12-3pm
April 17 ..... La Hora De Los Hornos *(Argentina)*
The Hour of the Furnaces LH4, 12-3pm
April 18 ..... Yawar Mallku *(Bolivia)*
Blood of the Condor LH2, 12:30-3:30pm
April 19 ..... Quilombo *(Bolivia)* LH4, 12-3pm

### Midnight Sun Series ($4 General / $3 Students)

**April 15 ..... 6pm - The History of Cuban Cinema**
*A lecture by Caryn Cline, TESC Professor and specialist on Cuban Cinema Havana Naguila: The Jews in Cuba*
**9pm - Lucia**

**April 16 ..... 6pm - Videos from Chiapas** *and an update from the Commit tee in Solidarity with the People of Mexico.* ***Centro de Trabalho Indigenista***
**9pm - Vidas Secas/Barren Lives *(Brazil)***

**April 17 ..... 6pm - Gregorio Rocha**
*This very special guest is excited to share with us his work and that of his video collective peers in Mexico City. The videos are about underground performance artist, punk gangs and political activists in the world's biggest city. Gregorio will speak on alternative media production in Mexico.*
**9pm - La Hora De Los Hornos/The Hour of the Furnaces**
*Introduced by TESC Professor Romano de Thuesen from Argentina*

**April 21 ..... 10-12pm Round Table Discussion/Continental Breakfast**
*We will invite our speakers to comment on their ideas regard ing the role film and video play in cultural and political trans formation today. Come with questions and ideas for discussion and leave with food for thought!*

### Art Walk April19

**Open Air Movie: Bye Bye Brasil**
Projected on the THEKLA's wall.

The Art of Being Short
Stroll in during Artwalk for one of these short films from new young Mexican film makers, including **Ivan the Very Terrible, El Arbol de La Musica, Ponchada,** and more.

**The Big Event**
Professor **Leonardo Garcia Tsao** from the Universidad de Guadalajara will be here to talk to us about the illustrious history of Mexican Cinema. He will also introduce one of the most brilliant and fascinating films to come out of Mexico in the last few years, Angel de Fuego by Dana Rotberg.

### April 18 to April 21 Capitol Theater

Jerico, Dark Side of the Heart, Angel of Fire, Love, Women & Flowers, A Man When He is a Man, The Language of the Foxes, and Carmen Miranda: Bananas Is My Business. •

## May Day Festival '96

# Honoring International Workers Day and Beltane

May Day Festival '96 is a celebration of radical cultures and a reclamation of lost histories. Though labor activists and practicing pagans don't usually intermingle, this one day of the year, May First, brings tow of their holy days together.

For pagans, Beltane is one of eight sacred holidays, falling midway between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice. It's a flirtatious dance around the Maypole.

For radical union organizers, International Worker's Day is the REAL Labor Day, and as American as apple pie. Born out of the struggle by US unions to establish the 8-hour day, May Day was assured it's stature as an internationally recognized working class holiday when it also cam to commemorate the anarchist martyrs who were framed and hung for the bombing at Chicago's Haymarket Riot of 1886.

Both pagan and syndicalist histories are filled with dissidence and violent repression. Labor confronted the power of the capitalists; pagans challenged the Christian patriarchs; both were treated as heretics. Long before politicians were conspiring with industrialists to murder and imprison union organizers, the priesthood had a long history of burning witches.

In 1996, these diverse radical communities come together under the common banner of May Day in Olympia. The purpose of May Day Festival '96 is to educate and entertain, and towards that end a series of events has been planned to celebrate this International holiday.

### Liberation Cafe's Opening May Day Party

**Wednesday, May 1st**
**5 - 7pm 116 4th Ave**
**2nd Floor Bulldog News**

Celebrate the grand opening of this new "autonomous zone" by joining the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) for food, drink, music and talk. This Open House will feature live music by local songwriters like Rene Bressieux plus lots of information about the social change groups that make up the Olympia Political Cultural Center.

### May Day Educational Forum

**7 - 9pm at Liberation Cafe'**

A program of speakers, video, and discussion on the topic of international workers' struggles today. As the economy globalizes, international solidarity between workers becomes imperative.

### Fire Your Boss: Workshop for Uppity Workers

**Friday, May 3rd**
**7 - 9 pm place TBA**

This skill-sharing session, brought to you by the Olympia Industrial Workers of the World (IWW or "Wobblies"), reveals ancient mysteries about the art of workplace organizing. Learn ten easy direct action tactics that will get you what you want at work. Methods taught include the Sick-In, the Work-to-Rule, and Monkeywrenching. You don't need a law degree to fight back against the boss.

### Folk Goddess Jano Brindisi

**Saturday, May 4th**
**7:30pm at the Midnight Sun**
**113 Columbia, Olympia**

Performing songwriter Jano Brindisi makes a rare northwest appearance swift on the heels of her recent Waterbug release *Certain Things*. Jano won the Napa Valley Music Festival's 1995 "Emerging Songwriter Award," and BAM Magazine said "every one of her tunes is a knock-out." Fans of Ani DiFranco may enjoy Jano's live show and the intimacy of this venue. Opening the show is Olympia singer/songwriter Jess Grant of Centralia 19.

Advance tickets available at Rainy Day Records on the westside and Old School Pizza on the eastside for $6. Tickets $7 the night of the show. A collaboration of May Day Festival '96 and the Olympia Live Music Society.

### Food Not Bombs Hosts Community Picnic

**Sunday, May 5th**
**1pm in Sylvester Park**

Join in a free and frolicking outdoor festival of food as revelers celebrate the fertile circle that is our community of resistance. Free food and free speech, rain or shine, permit or no. •

# Strength Through Diversity:Building Coalitions to End Racism

April 19-21, 1996
TESC, Tacoma Campus
Conference discussions and workshops will address:
History and economics of racism, Divisions in the workplace, Immigrant workers, Environmental racism, Affirmative action

Registration fee is $65
Registration deadline is April 10
For info contact: Anne White Hat or Helen Lee at the Labor Center (360) 866-6000 x6525

### Guest Speakers, Workshop Presenters, and Panelists:

**Dr. Gerald Horne,** Director, Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Author of *Reversing Discrimination: The Case for Affirmative Action.*

**Warren Spencer,** Vice President, United Steelworkers Local 8147, member of the Yakima Nation & Native American rights activist.

**Mona Mendoza,** Chicana activist, teacher, and consultant, Spokane.

**Ellen Short,** AFT, Literacy Program, Shelton.

**Rosalinda Guillen,** Executive Director, United Farmworkers of Washington.

**Stacy Kono,** Garment Workers Justice Campaign Coordinator, Asian Immigrant Women Advocates in Oakland, CA.

**Ricardo Ayala,** graduate student at the San Francisco Film Institute.

**David Ayala,** Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Seattle.

**Alonzo Suson,** Organizer, SEIU Local 6, Seattle.

**Sabrina Jefferson,** Member of IAMAW District 751. Mrs Jefferson gives powerful, inspirational speeches on Unity Through Diversity.

**Facilitators: Box Bond,** WEA; **Tracy Lai,** AFT, APALA; **Mary Martinez,** NALL; **Barbara O'Neil,** WFSE.

# ONGOING
## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Liberation Café

**Olympia Political Cultural Center**
Meetings: Wednesdays, April 10th & 24th
Grand Opening during ArtWalk on April 19th
116 4th Ave E
Top floor of Bulldog News
For more info call 493-6601

### Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace

Tuesday, April 9th
Discussion on International Workers of the World (IWW or Wobblies)
Planning for May Day Festival
Tuesday April 23rd
Big Mountain discussion
Planning for May Day Festival
7pm at Liberation Cafe, 116 4th Ave
**Informational discussion on Big Mountain, Planning May Day**
Call 956-1771 for information

### Support for Women's Clinic and Choice

**Thursdays 8:30 am - 3 pm**
**1100 Eastside Street NE**
***Jane: An Abortion Service***
**Thursday, May 2nd 8pm**
**Capitol Theater**
Benefit for Eastside Women's Health Clinic. Filmmaker in person to present the film.

### Olympia FOR Monthly Speaker Series

Third Sunday of Month
**Thurston County Courthouse Building 1**
Call 491-9093 for info.

### Hands Off Washington

**General Meeting**
**Last Tuesday of Month**
**United Churches • Capital & 11th**
**Call 786-6608 for info**

### Food Not Bombs

serves free organic vegetarian food
Sundays, 1pm @ Bread & Roses
Friday evenings in downtown

**Meetings: Wednesday 6pm**
**TESC CAB 1st floor**

### Permaculture Guild

**First Wednesday of Month**
**6:30 - 8:30pm**
**2715 15th Ave. SE, Olympia**
**Info: 352-6509**

### PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays)

**2pm Second Sunday**
**Gathering Place of First Methodist Church**
**1224 Legion Way SE**
**Call for info: 866-0511**

# A Northwest Regional Anarchist/ Activist Conference

*Olympia Cooperative Circus*

Friday, April 19 to Sunday, April 21
TESC and Olympia

The organizers of this conference are committed to ending all forms of dominaiton including: White supremacy, Patriarch, Queer oppression, elitism, authoritarianism, Capitalism, youth oppression, and ableism.

### Tentative Schedule of Conference Events

**Friday, 19th**
Lunch - 1-2:30
Welcoming Info/Workshops - 4-6:30
Dinner/Possible gathering/Films - 6:30-8

**Friday, 20th**
Workshops - 10:30-12
Lunch - 12-1:30
Workshops - 2-4:30
Speaker/Dinner/Concert - 5-9

**Sunday, 21st**
Brunch/Workshops - 11-1:30
Parade on downtown - 3
Goodbyes/Films

On both Friday and Saturday from 11-4, there will be a welcoming table at the Housing Community Center (next to the soccer field) on TESC campus where convention information will be available. Please stop by when you arrive.

### Workshops include:

Situationism, Historical @narchism, Northwest Forest Activism, Food Not Bombs, Earth First!, Political Prisoners & Prison Support, Black Autonomy, Squatting, Consensus, Pirate Radio, Anarcha-Feminism.

We wish this conference to be a forum for networking, organizing, educating and empowering through the mediums of workshop, film and dialogue. We want to dispel the great myth of anarchism as solely chaos, bomb throwing, impractical idealism, and anti-organization and explore diverse aspects of anarchism: anti-authoritarianism, decentralized power, solidarity, mutual aid, respect, love, equality and community.

Call The Pirate House, 1102 8th Ave at (360) 352-4415.

### Olympia Film Society

**March 31 - April 3 . . Restoration & City of Lost Children**
**April 7 - 10 . . . . . Othello & Nobody Loves Me**
**April 14 - 17 . . . . . Angels and Insects & Borscht Belt**
**April 21 - 24 . . . . . Carmen Miranda & Midwinter's Tale**
**April 28 - May 1 . . Black Maria Film Festival & French Twist**
**May 5 - 8 . . . . . Taxi Driver & Samba Traore**

**Capitol Theater • 754-5378**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### *The Point: Legacy of the River People*

**Thursday, April 4th 8pm**
**Capitol Theater**
Video of local Native issue dealing with Lyle Point.

### Edible Landscaping: Adopting Nature's Design

**Thursday, April 4th**
**6-8pm at Urban Onion**
At EarthSave Potluck Kirk Hanson will offer a presentation on natural design strategies for converting energy intensive lawns to food producing ecosystems. For more info: 352-6509

### First Annual NW Bamboo Seminar

**Sat., April 6th 9am - 6pm**
**Wild Thyme Farm, Oakville**
Bamboo People, a consultation group from Seattle, will host a full day workshop on the multiple functions of bamboo in the home landscape and as a market cash crop. Workshop will include slides, lecture, and hands-on planting. Fee: $45 For more info: 352-6509

### Something's Wrong! Toxics in the Web of Life

**Tuesday, April 9th**
**8:30 at the GA Auditorium**
A slide and information session on the increasing scientific evidence about poisons (endocrine disrupters) affected all living things including human beings.

### Late-Bloomers: Discovering they're Gay Later in Life

**Sunday, April 14 2pm**
**Gathering Place of First Methodist**
**1224 Legion Way SE**
Maureen Considine, an Olympia nurse practitioner and PFLAG educator, will speak about those who discover in their mature years that they are really lesbian or gay, and against all odds, dare to come out of the closet.
Sponsored by PFLAG. Call for info: 866-0511

### HMOs

**April 22nd 10am**
**Twin County Credit Union Building**
**2400 Evergreen Park Dr**
Dr. Warren Bradley, a retired physician, will speak on HMOs. He will relate the history of HMOs and point out what you should look out for if you are contemplating joining an HMO.
Sponsored by the Capitol Chapter #803 of AARP, an organization devoted to promoting the well-being of mid-life and senior citizens aged 50 or more whether retired or not.
Call Don Shoemaker at 438-3864 for more information.

### Ralph Nader is coming to Seattle May 1st

Presidential Nomination Convention scheduled for June 29th.
Washington 'Draft Ralph Nader for President' Campaign
Information hotline: (206) 789-8730 or write
Pike Place #12
Box 382
Seattle, WA 98101

### Northwest International Lesbian Gay Film Festival

**May 3-5**
**TESC & Capitol Theater**
Pick up program guides around town or call 866-6000 x6542.

### Mapping Our Journey: The First Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Political Planning Conference

**May 10-12 in Wenatchee, WA**

**Workshops** on the electoral, legislative, and political processes, coalition building, community organizing, identity, and civil rights.
**Keynote Speaker:** Lesbian activist and author Urvashi Vaid will give the big picture of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered civil rights progress and challenges.
The conference registration fee is $55 per individual which includes conference materials and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Send check or money order payable to the Privacy Fund no later than Friday, April 26, 1996.

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